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Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 2294

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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Hongkong, November 21, 1904. 2093

TO LET.
THREE FIRST-CLASS SHOPS, European Style, in Kowloon. Possession on or about 31st August, 1905.
Moderate Rentals.
Apply to
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Hongkong, October 5, 1904. 8

TO LET.
A HOUSE at ELLIOT CRESCENT, Robinson Road.
Apply to
F. X. D'ALMADA e CASTRO,
52, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, November 29, 1904. 2138

TO LET.
AT East Point, a New BRICK-BUILT 2-STORIED GODOWN with Water Frontage.
Apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, November 25, 1904. 2120

TO LET.
NOS. 1, 2, 3 and 4, BARROW TERRACE, KOWLOON.
Apply to
SAM WANG & CO., LD.,
81, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, December 2, 1904. 2171

HONGKONG CLUB.
TO LET.
A SUITE of 2 ROOMS, on the Ground-floor of the Annex, suitable for Offices.
For Particulars, apply to the Undersigned.
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, June 2, 1904. 2150

TO LET.
NO. 1, RIPON TERRACE.
A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road.
FLATS in Morrison Terrace, facing the Polo Ground.
OFFICES, in Course of Erection, Connaught Road (near Blake Pier).
GODOWNS Praya East.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, December 3, 1904. 2152

TO LET—IN KOWLOON.
A TENNIS GROUND with 3 Courts and a Pavilion adjoining.
Possession from 1st January, 1905.
Apply to 'Z.,'
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, December 19, 1904. 2271

TO LET.
2 NEW HOUSES, To Let, in CASTLE ROAD.
Apply to
SAM WANG & CO., LD.,
81, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, October 22, 1904. 2153

TO LET.
A EUROPEAN HOUSE, No. 158, Praya East. Four Rooms and Kitchen, Servants' Quarters, Bathrooms, Hot and Cold Water. Good Sea View.
Apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, August 5, 1904. 2148

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
A FIRST-CLASS BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT in Hongkong. Fully Furnished and doing Good Business.
Splendid House, with every convenience, and having an excellent View of the Harbour. One minute's walk from Electric Cars. Well-known to, and patronised by, Americans. Suitable for Syndicate or Private Concern. Present Proprietor leaving for England shortly.
Apply by Letter to
'N. A.,'
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, November 11, 1904. 2043

FOR SALE.
ONE VERTICAL ENGINE, with Fly-wheel and Governor, one cylinder 9½ inches diameter by 8 inch stroke.
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One VERTICAL ENGINE, with fly-wheel and governor, two cylinders 9½ inches diameter by 12 inch stroke.
One HORIZONTAL ENGINE, with fly-wheel and governor, one cylinder 11½ inches diameter by 36 inch stroke.
One HORIZONTAL ENGINE, with fly-wheel and governor, one cylinder 16 inches diameter by 30 inch stroke.
The above can be inspected, and all particulars obtained, upon application to
THE MANAGER,
Kowloon Docks.
Hongkong, December 10, 1904. 2227

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
on
SATURDAY,
the 24th December, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—
Handsome Household Furniture, Canton Blackwood Furniture Carpets, Rugs, Overmantels, and Ornaments;
Crockery, Glass and Plated Ware;
2 Typewriters, 4 Electric Fans, and
1 Lady's Bicycle;
1 Cottage Piano,
&c., &c., &c.
Terms of Sale :—As Customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 2201

PUBLIC AUCTION.
Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1904, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from the date of sale, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Marine Lot No. [illegible]	Connaught Road Shek Tong Tsui	140.0	171.0	137.0	65.8	16,249	205	[illegible]

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
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For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road,
A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, May 20, 1904. 2154

U. S. OFFICER'S LOVE AFFAIRS.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary Taft sent a letter to-day to Lieutenant-Colonel W. L. Pitcher, Twenty-eighth Infantry at the Presidio, which will make that officer's ears tingle. The letter is the closing incident in a case which attracted much attention some months ago, in which Colonel Pitcher was accused of having heartlessly jilted Miss Caroline Harold, to whom he was engaged to be married. When called upon for an explanation, Colonel Pitcher tartly informed the Department that it had nothing to do with his love affairs.

Secretary Taft, in dignified but extremely pointed language, reviews Colonel Pitcher's actions. He says there is not sufficient evidence at hand to prove Pitcher guilty of similar acts towards other women, but that the conclusion is irresistible that such was the case and that the Department might make an example of Pitcher were it not for the fact that Miss Harold urgently requested that the matter be dropped without further publicity. On this account Colonel Pitcher is let off with a sharp reprimand. Secretary Taft decided not to make the letter public, as he is anxious that the matter should be dropped for the good of all concerned.

Pitcher was engaged to marry Miss Harold, who was a clerk in the War Department. She resigned her place in anticipation of the wedding, and for some unknown reason Pitcher broke the engagement in such a manner as to bring forth strong criticism from the Department and his brother officers. When called to account for his action Pitcher wrote the letter for which Secretary Taft reprimanded him severely on account of its impertinent and defiant tone.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

Defects in War-ships.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The Navy General Board, of which Admiral Dewey is President, has under consideration plans for withdrawing certain battleships for extensive repairs and renovations. The defect in the battleships 'Ohio,' 'Alabama,' 'Illinois,' 'Missouri,' 'Kearsarge' and others, which consists of an unarmoured section of the superstructure behind the rear-gun turret, is one of the subjects under consideration.

This matter is involved with several other questions which must be considered together for the best interests of the Navy. In the first place, provision must be made for officers and crews to man new vessels coming into commission. Over eight thousand men will be required within the next few months to handle battleships and armoured cruisers. These vessels, according to contract, must be tested five months by the Navy Department before final acceptance. It is therefore absolutely necessary that they be manned as soon as ready for sea, to say nothing of the desirability of replacing older vessels with newer and more effective ones. The problem confronting the department is how to obtain the officers and men. The only method available is to place certain vessels in ordinary. Consequently those vessels which can best be spared will be laid up and their crews transferred.

That will be done with such minor vessels as the 'Castine' and 'Marieta,' but they will not furnish nearly enough men for the new vessels, so it has been determined that the battleships 'Illinois' and 'Kearsarge' will be ordered to the navy yard, ostensibly for training duty or for repairs, but in fact to be laid up until such time as Congress provides more men for the Navy. It is hardly realised that the battleship 'Kearsarge' is already obsolete, but such is the fact.

While these vessels are thus laid up they will be repaired and brought up to date as much as practicable. The defect in armour already mentioned will be remedied, and guns designed to fire brown powder will be superseded with guns using smokeless powder. The battleship 'Ohio' will take her turn in being thus brought up to date, but the date when she will be sent to the navy yard is uncertain. She will probably see some service before being laid up.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of JAMES HENRY COX, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 28th December, 1904.

All Creditors are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

Dated the 29th day of September, 1904.
DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Executors.
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THE TELEGRAPH SYSTEM OF AMERICA.

Remarkable Results of a Storm.

New York, Nov. 14.—The storm which swept up through the Atlantic States from the Gulf Saturday and last night, developed into a gale of hurricane force as it moved up, resulted in the most complete tie-up of wire communication that the East has experienced since the memorable snowstorm of 1888, disarranged train schedules, paralyzed trolley lines and piled several wrecks along the coast.

A downpour of rain and heavy snow, which accompanied the storm, added to the destructive force of the gale. Telephone and telegraph poles, borne down by the weight of snow and ice-encrusted wires, gave way before the sweep of the wind and whole sections of country were cut off. Both the telegraph companies and the telephone companies with long distance wire to-day reported their fields of operation restricted to the territory bounded on the west by Philadelphia, on the east by Boston, and on the north by Newburgh, N.Y.

The big brokerage concerns in Wall Street, many of whom, under normal conditions, operate thousands of miles of wire, to-day found themselves were no more fortunate and the only quotations received from Chicago and New Orleans were the press market reports. These quotations were the only figures obtained from the cotton and grain centres of the South and West.

By an elaborate system of relays and the use of both telephone and telegraph wires the Associated Press succeeded in bridging the path between East and West cut by the storm and reached all points west, north and east with the exception of a section in the vicinity of Albany. There the damage from the snow and wind seemed beyond immediate repair, and, with the exception of trains, there was no communication with that section during the day.

The general breakdown of wires was also responsible for trouble on the railroads. The movements of trains could not be reported, and delays extending into hours in many cases were reported.

That no more disasters at sea resulted from the gale probably was due to the early warning of the approaching hurricane sent out by the Weather Bureau. Bulletins sent out on Saturday afternoon told of the gale that would sweep the coast, and cautioned all mariners against leaving port.

The chief damage attributable to the storm was the crippling of telephonic, telegraphic and electric light service throughout northern and eastern New England. One of the most singular effects of the gale was reported from Hennellville, Me., where a whale eighty feet long was blown ashore. Unable to get back into deep water, the great creature lay helpless on the beach and a bullet from a hunter's rifle ended its life. Clear and cold weather followed in the wake of the storm.

Chicago, Nov. 14.

Cut off from the East by the destruction of telegraph and telephone wires, the Chicago brokers to-day resorted to extraordinary expedients in their efforts to establish communication with their New York offices. More than a dozen messages were sent by way of San Francisco, Honolulu, Yokohama, and thence around the world. But no replies were received in time to be of value for to-day's trading. In other instances messages were dispatched to New York by the twenty-four-hour flyer, which leaves Chicago after noon, the hope being that the fast train would be able to reach the metropolis before the opening of the Stock Exchange in the morning. Still another expedient was to telegraph orders to Rochester or Buffalo, in which cities the wires were in operation, and these orders were mailed to New York city.

It was the most complete tie-up of wire service that the Stock Exchange has known in the last sixteen years. It was a nerve-racking day for the traders. There was no way to tell which prices were going up or down, and if it had been known there would have been no way of stopping the loss or of taking profits. There was absolutely no trading during the day between Chicago and New York, but the local trading was the largest of the year.

Intimations.

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STEEL GIRDERS AND TEES, CORRUGATED IRON, PIG IRON, &c.,
Suitable for
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Hongkong, May 29, 1900. 1522

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THE above LAUNDRY is rapidly gaining Public Support for their Excellent Workmanship and Prompt Attention. Shirts, Collars and Ladies' Dresses a Speciality.
Tourists and Travellers are strongly recommended to give this Company a trial.
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Hongkong, November 24, 1904. 2111

NOTICE.

MR AH WAH, of Messrs Che San Bros, of Yokohama, Bookbinders, etc., begs to inform the Public of Hongkong that he has opened a Branch in this Colony, at No. 16, Pottinger Street, under the style of CHE SAN BROTHERS, and is prepared to execute all kinds of GENERAL JOB PRINTING, RUBBER STAMP MAKING, COPPER-PLATE PRINTING AND ENGRAVING, STATIONERY, DRAFT FORMS AND ACCOUNT BOOKS.
All Orders will be attended to and executed in the shortest time, and the Firm hopes to be favoured with the kind patronage of the Public.
Hongkong, December 5, 1904. 2191

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DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK ONLY, all purchasers of at least $25.00 worth of Wines and Spirits from Messrs GREGOR & CO., will be entitled to receive in addition to their purchase, and absolutely free,
3 Full-size Sample Bottles of the following Wines at Choice:—
GRAVES, SAUTERNES, MEDOC, ST. EMILION, MARGAUX, ST. JULIEN, ST. ESTEPHE or CH. LA TOUR MARCEAU, or
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1 Full size Bottle of Messrs MARIE BRIZARD & ROGER'S AFTER DINNER LIQUEURS, to be Selected out of 20 Varieties.
GREGOR & CO., Wine and Spirit Merchants,
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Hongkong, December 19, 1904. 2270

A LING & CO.,
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68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, September 3, 1904. 1627

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30 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN U.S.A.
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PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED.
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Hongkong, September 14, 1904. 1685

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Also just unpacked of English make, Brown Leather Cabin Trunks, Overland Trunks and Steel Trunks; Dressing Cases, Dress Cases and Fitted Gladstone Bags.
TELEPHONE No. 467.
INSPECTION INVITED.
Hongkong, November 24, 1904. 1429

MOTHER SEIGEL'S SYRUP

CURES
CONSTIPATION,
PAINS AFTER EATING,
FULNESS AT THE CHEST,
NERVOUS DEPRESSION,
BILIOUSNESS.

Nearly all our minor ailments and many dangerous diseases have their origin in some disorder of the stomach, liver and kidneys, affecting the vital processes of digestion and nutrition. In health, the daily expenditure of vital force is replenished by the digestion of food, but when digestion fails, as in dyspepsia and indigestion, the sources of bodily repair are cut off and every organ of the body is starved and poisoned. To be strong and healthy, maintain a good digestion by taking Mother Seigel's Syrup daily after meals. As a digestive tonic and stomachic remedy it has no equal. It clears the head, braces the nerves, tones the liver, assists digestion and helps you to gain strength from food—the only way it can be gained.

THE WORLD'S REMEDY

"For fifteen years I suffered from kidney and liver troubles which left me a mere shadow of my former self," writes Mrs. Amelia Le Roux, Short Street, North End, East London, Cape Colony, on June 22nd, 1904. "I lost my appetite and could not sleep at nights. I was also attacked by dizziness, which made me feel quite faint. Constipation was one of my chief troubles. Doctors were called in to attend me, but I only derived relief from their treatment for a short while. At last I heard of your Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup and I was not backward in purchasing a supply which cured me, and now at sixty-eight years I can do as much work as any person twenty years younger."

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For Indigestion, Heartburn, Biliousness, Jaundice, and all Complaints of the Liver and Kidneys.
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MAIL STEAMER DEPARTURES.

The following table is a chronologically arranged list of mail steamer sailings to Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. Coast ports, Manila, and Japan are not given, for steamers are constantly sailing for those ports. All the American steamers call at Japan, and the majority of the Australian boats call at Manila, and, in addition to those vessels, special steamers run there. The departure of every steamer is subject to alteration. The P. & O. mails usually reach London in about 28 days, and the French and German in about 28 or 30 days.

EUROPEAN MAIL.

DEP.		STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	MAIL DUE LONDON ABOUT.		DUE.	
Dec.	27	M. M. Tonkin	Marseilles	Feb.	25	Jan.	24
"	31	P. & O. Bengal	London	"	29	Feb.	5
Jan.	4	G. M. S. Seydlitz	Hamburg				
"	10	M. M. Dumbea	Marseilles	"	8	"	14
"	14	P. & O. Malta	London			"	19
"	18	G. M. S. Roon	Bremen			"	28
"	24	M. M. Australien	Marseilles	"	22		
"	28	P. & O. Coromandel	London			March	4
Feb.	1	G. M. S. Bayern	Hamburg			"	14
"	11	P. & O. Simla	London			"	18
"	15	G. M. S. Zieten	Bremen			"	28
"	25	P. & O. Chusan	London			April	1

CANADIAN MAIL.

DEP.		STEAMER.		DESTINATION.	DUE.	
					1905	
Dec.	28	C.P.R.	Athenian	Vancouver.	Jan.	21
1905						
Jan.	11	do.	Empress of China	do.	Feb.	1
"	25	do.	Tartar	do.	"	18
Feb.	8	do.	Empress of India	do.	Mar.	1
March	8	do.	Empress of Japan	do.	"	29
"	15	do.	Athenian	do.	April	8
"	29	do.	Empress of China	do.	"	19
April	19	do.	Empress of India	do.	May	10
"	26	do.	Tartar	do.	"	20
May	10	do.	Empress of Japan	do.	"	31
"	24	do.	Athenian	do.	June	17

AMERICAN MAIL.

DEP.		STEAMER.		DESTINATION.	DUE.	
1905					1905	
Jan.	6	O. & O.	Korea	San Francisco	Feb.	3
"	13	do.	Coptic	do.	"	10
"	24	P.M.S.	Siberia	do.	"	21
Feb.	3	do.	Mongolia	do.	March	3
"	17	do.	China	do.	"	17
"	28	do.	Manchuria	do.	"	28
March	11	O. & O.	Doric	do.	April	8
"	24	do.	Korea	do.	"	21
April	4	do.	Coptic	do.	May	2

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

DEP.		STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DUE.	
				1905	
Dec.	26	C. N. Chingtu	Sydney.	Jan.	18
1905					
Jan.	11	E. & A. Australian	do.	Feb.	1
"	20	C. N. Taiyuan	do.	"	12
"	23	N. D. L. Prinz Waldemar	do.	"	15
Feb.	8	E. & A. Empire	do.	Mar.	1
"	11	C. N. Tsinan	do.	"	5
Mar.	6	N. D. L. Prinz Sigismund	do.	"	29
"	8	E. & A. Eastern	do.	"	29
April	5	" Australian	do.	April	28
"	17	N. D. L. Prinz Waldemar	do.	May	10
May	3	E. & A. Empire	do.	"	24
"	29	N. D. L. Prinz Sigismund	do.	June	21

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	12	3000	Comdr. Richard M. Harbord	Hongkong
†Albion	battleship, 1st class	12,950	42	13,500	Captain Sydney R. Fremantle	Hongkong
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander R. Nugent	Hongkong
Amphitrite	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.	Weihaiwei
Andromeda	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	16,500	Capt. R. N. Ommanney	Weihaiwei
Bramble	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. O. M. Makins	Hongkong
Britomart	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comdr. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Centurion	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Fegan	Weihaiwei
Cressy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Singapore
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	———	Hongkong
Espiègle	sloop	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Singapore
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut.-Comdr. Asser	Hongkong
Fearless	cruiser, 3rd class	1580	12	3200	Comdr. P. V. Lewes, D.S.O.	Singapore
*Glory	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain Hon. Walter G. Stopford	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Reserve	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	———	Weihaiwei
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Lieut.-Comdr. F. M. Rindore	Hongkong
Iphigenia	cruiser, 3rd class	3600	17	9000	Captain W. B. Faucknor	Shanghai
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lieut.-Comdr. A. Gregory	Weihaiwei
Kinsha	river gunboat	—	4	—	Lt.-Comdr. C. P. Metcalfe	Yangtsze
Leviathan	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	18	31,592	Captain Francis G. Kirby	Singapore
Moorhen	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. F. B. Noble	Hongkong
Ocean	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain T. G. Greet	Weihaiwei
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Reserve	Hongkong
Phoenix	sloop	1015	6	1400	Commander John Nicholas	Hongkong
Rambler	Surveying-vessel	835	6	650	Comdr. C. E. Moore	Labuan
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. R. E. Vaughan	West River
Rosario	sloop	960	6	1400	Comdr. Vivian	Singapore
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. H. T. Attay	West River
Sirius	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. C. H. H. Moore	Shanghai
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Yangtsze
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	6500	Lieut.-Comdr. Craufurd	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Commodore Dicken	Hongkong
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Yangtsze
Thetis	cruiser, 2nd class	3400	8	9000	Capt. J. A. C. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200	Lieut.-Comdr. R. H. Keate	Hongkong
Vengeance	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Amoy
Vestal	sloop	980	6	1400	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar,	Singapore
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6800	Reserve	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	620	—	450	Comdr. Ernest J. Hardy	Mirs Bay
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5900	In Reserve	Hongkong
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lieut.-Com. C. W. Wrightson	Upper Yangtsze
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Upper Yangtsze

* Flag of Admiral Sir Gerard H. Noel, Commander-in-Chief.

† Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.B., C.M.G.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captains.	
Aspern	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	2437	20	7300	Capt. Friedrich Grinzenberger	Singapore
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	29	8000	Captain Mirtl	Hongkong
Achéron	French armoured gunboat	1796	10	1700	Comdr. Laferriere	Saigon
Alouette	French gunboat	300	7	400	Lieut. A. Varney	Saigon
Argus	French gunboat	123	—	500	Lieut. Crespin	Canton
Aspic	French gunboat	475	8	450	Lieut. Journee	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	140	5	150	———	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	580	6	400	———	Saigon
Bugeaud	French cruiser	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lefivre	Saigon
Casse-tete	French gunboat	140	5	150		Haiphong
*Châteaurenault	French cruiser	8018	18	17,000	Captain V. Poidlone	Woosung
Cometa	French gunboat	525	4	438	Commander Louel	Haiphong
Decidée	French gunboat	690	10	900	Commander L'East	Saigon
D'Assas	French cruiser	4000	31	9500	———	Saigon
Estoc	French gunboat	—	—	—	———	Haiphong
Frondé	French destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Jehenne	Haiphong
Gueydon	French cruiser	9376	38	20,200	———	Shanghai
Henri Rivière	French gunboat	—				Haiphong
Javeline	French destroyer	307	7	300	Lieut.-Comdr. Beaussant	Haiphong
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	8	2200	Commander Le Golleur	Shanghai
†Montcalm	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Captain Cros	Haiphong
Mosquet	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Lieut. de Vean Prat	Haiphong
Olry	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Hourst	Yangtsze
Pascal	French cruiser	4015	27	8500	Comdr. Sennes	Hongay
Pistolet	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Lieut. de Woerth	Haiphong
Redoutable	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	———	Saigon
Styx	French cruiser	1796	10	1700	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Sully	French cruiser	9856	—	20,000	Captain Guiberteau	Shanghai
Surprise	French gunboat	629	9	900	Lieut. Holgue	Shanghai
Takiang	French gunboat	—	—		———	Yangtsze
Vauban	French cruiser	6150	23	4560	Captain Blonde	Along Bay
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Carol	Canton
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	———
Fürst Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	38	14,000	Captain Prowe	Hongkong
Geier	German cruiser	1776	15	2960	Comdr. von Studnitz	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6230	34	10,000	Capt. Weber	———
Hertha	German cruiser	6500	37	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelmann	Singapore
Iltis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Baron von M. Hüllessem	Nanking
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Shanghai
Luchs	German gunboat	850	10	1344	Comdr. Kruencke	Hongkong
Möwe	German gunboat	1009	8	875	Comdr. von Grumbkow	Manila
Seeadler	German cruiser	1640	15	2800	Comdr. Persius	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	2660	24	8000	Captain Voit	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Deimling	———
Tsingtau	German gunboat	170	5	1300	Comdr. Giebber	Canton
Vorwärts	German gunboat		3	500	Lieut. Scharf	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2300	10	7471	Captain Borea Ricci	———
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	3600	—	—	Captain Presbitero	Shanghai
Puglia	Italian cruiser	2498	29	7000	Capt. Pescetto	Shanghai
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1930	14	4000	Captain d'Antas Ribeiro	Hongkong
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Coutinho	[illegible]
Vasco de Gama	Portuguese cruiser	3215	20	6000	Capt. Manuel Vasco de Carvalho	Hongkong
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostock
Amur	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Gramatchikoff	Port Arthur
Askold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	24,000	Capt. Reitzenschtein	Shanghai
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	10	16,500	———	Port Arthur
Bobre	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjeckovitch	———
Bogatyr	Russian cruiser	6640	12	19,500	———	———
Diana	Russian cruiser	6731	6	8000	———	Saigon
Djighit	Russian gunboat	1456	3	1700	Capt. Nasarowsky	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Comdr. Yourieff	Port Arthur
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	6	3000	Comdr. Zagaransky	———
Gromoboi	Russian cruiser	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jessen	Vladivostock
Guiliak	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	———
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Commander Crown	Shanghai
Novik	Russian cruiser	3000	6	17,000	———	Shangalein
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasilleff	Port Arthur
Peresviet	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Koroleff	———
Petropavlovsk	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Jakovleff	———
Pobeda	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Capt. Zatzarenny	Damaged
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Oseroff	Port Arthur
Rasboynik	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1738	Comdr. Liven	Port Arthur
Retvizan	Russian battleship	12,902	16	16,000	———	Port Arthur
Rossia	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	68	17,000	Captain Sepelrennipoff	Vladivostock
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	26	13,250	Capt. Matusevich	———
Sevastopol	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Serebrennikoff	Port Arthur
Sivutch	Russian gunboat	250	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	500	9	3300	Comdr. Zagoriansky-Kissel	Port Arthur
Zabiyaka	Russian cruiser	1230	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3769	28	7500	Capt. Dyer	Cavite
Annapolis	U. S. gunboat	1000	12	1227	Capt. Rohrer	Shanghai
Bainbridge	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. G. Williams	Manila
Barry	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. Irwin	Manila
Callao	U. S. gunboat	2?8	10	600	Lieut. Dismaker	Hongkong
Chauncey	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. E. P. Jessop	Manila
Cincinnati	U. S. cruiser	3213	19	7500	Comdr. Hugo Osterhaus	Shanghai
Dale	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. H. E. Arnold	Manila
Decatur	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. A. W. Knox	Manila
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	560	10	6000	Lt.-Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1988	Comdr. P. E. Sawyer	Manila
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. J. B. Milhen	Cavite
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3437	20	7500	Commander G. B. Harbe	Manila
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,288	45	11,111	Captain Burwell	Shanghai
Pampanga	U. S. gunboat	201	3	250	Ensign J. E. Bass	Cavite
Paragua	U. S. gunboat	201	3	250	Capt. Bennett	Cavite
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	4000	14		Capt. J. B. Collins	Manila
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3213	18	7500	Comdr. Marshall	Shanghai
San Francisco	U. S. cruiser	4098	27	9913	Captain Very	Manila
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	1000	13	1118	Commander Marshall	Shanghai
Villalobos	U. S. gunboat	347	3	500	Lieut. H. A. Wiley	Shanghai
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	1894	Commander A. W. Dodd	Manila
Wisconsin	U. S. flagship	12,000	50	12,609	Captain Glover	Shanghai

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11 a.m.—Auction of Dolls & Toys, at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr V. I. Remedios' Sales Rooms.

Miscellaneous.

5.30 p.m.—Christmas Pantomime at the Catholic Union, Glenealy.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, December 26:—
Exchange Banks Close.
Insurance Offices Close.

TUESDAY, December 27:—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at the Public Works Department's Offices.
6 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, December 28:—
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SUNDAY, January 1:—
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DEATH.

On Dec. 14, at Tanjong Katong, PHILIP JOSEPH SETH, aged 60.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1904.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

YESTERDAY, in Paris, Russia stepped into the dock before the small Court of Inquiry appointed by the Powers—and the larger Court of the World, self-constituted—to stand her trial for murder on the Dogger Bank. The proceedings will be of intense interest, not merely on account of the enormity of the crime, but more because a wondering world will be anxiously awaiting some startling dénouement. The defence which will be put forward should, in itself, prove instructive, as well as amusing, to lawyers and laymen, too, if the attempts already made by ingenious and industrious officials in St Petersburg to cover up the guilt can be taken as any criterion. Russia is not an ordinary criminal; and being somewhat different from the generality of what Carlyle would call the 'Devil's brigade,' she can be relied upon to have a coterie of barristers and lawyers in keeping to conduct her case. The single object towards which they will be expected to direct their intelligence, their ability, and their energy will be the clearing of the Baltic fleet officers by fair means or foul, and since fair means have apparently already been exhausted, foul ones have been resorted to. The subornation of witnesses for the other side is the last resort of the lawyer with a bad case, and there is evidence that Russian emissaries have already endeavoured to find what magnetic influence gold has upon a Hull fisherman. St. Petersburg, according to our cablegram published elsewhere, denies knowledge of any attempts to buy men to commit perjury, but that is the very shallowest of defences. In all probability she is really ignorant of the fact that certain Hull fishermen have been offered bribes to say they saw what they did not see, but it is certain she knew her agents were given unlimited powers to obtain evidence that her fleet was justified in opening fire when it did. It is terrible to think that there are any Englishmen—especially fishermen from the fleet so outrageously attacked—who would ever entertain the thought of accepting such money, let alone taking it, but it would be interesting to know what influence was brought to bear upon the skipper of the trawler *Gull* to make the statement which he has given voice to. It was in effect that during the consternation caused by the firing he saw a vessel approaching his steamer which he felt convinced was a torpedo-boat, but later on he found out she was the trawler *Crane*. It will be puzzling to even a landlubber to know how a trawler—especially those perky-looking north sea boats—can be mistaken for a torpedo-boat, and when a fisherman, whose life has been spent amongst such craft, has the audacity to say he imagined the *Crane* to be other than what she was, there is certainly room in one's mind for the entrance of the gravest suspicion. On the face of it, and in view of the fact that Russian agents are looking out to purchase any excuse to justify the deeds of the Baltic fleet, the story of the skipper of the *Gull* looks extremely 'fishy,' and it is humiliating to contemplate that others might be bought to go further and declare that she *was* a torpedo boat. Immediately the *Gull's* captain alleged that he was mistaken the Russians seized upon the statement and asked if it was not reasonable that they—who were not familiar with fishing trawlers, and who were on the look-out for hostile vessels—should make a mistake when even a fisherman was taken in. In fact the Russian idea seems to be that if there were no Japanese torpedo boats among the trawling fleet, their officers thought there were, and a simple mistake is no matter for punishment. Lord Lansdowne, on the other hand, is compelled to insist on the terms proclaimed by Mr. Balfour, at Southampton, and, though we are the least blood-thirsty of peoples, the British nation is with him. The blood of our fellow countrymen has been shed and someone must be punished for it. We have not the slightest malice against officers or men on the Erring Fleet, but the life of the humblest trawler justly out-weighs the *amour propre* of Russia, and on this principle we stand firmly in all circumstances. We have to hope that the fishermen who are alive to-day will stand by their dead comrades and simply give 'the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.' No more, no less is wanted. It is well that at least someone amongst them has informed the Government that subornation was being attempted. It helps us to sift the matter to the bottom, and further helps the world to a better appreciation of Russia's real worth.

It is rather anomalous that many people go to Macao solely for a change and few come back with any.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The 'Shell' Transport & Trading Co.

Messrs Arnhold, Karberg and Co. kindly inform us that they have received a telegram from London informing them that the 'Shell' Transport & Trading Co. Ltd. have declared an Interim Dividend on account of 1904 of 1/- per Ordinary Share, payable on the 1st January 1905. Holders of Warrants to Bearer will receive this dividend against Coupon No 5, which may be negotiated through the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Band at Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Col. Caulfeild and officers, the Band of the 110th Mahratta's Light Infantry will play the following selections at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow evening, the 24th December:—

March	'Triumphal'	Robinson
Selection	'Canada'	Barwood
Valse	'Spanish Anbeols'	Ercilla
Serenata	'Schubert'	Hartmann
Selection	'A Night in Berlin'	Hartmann
Galop	'Die Wilderer'	Faust

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Band at King Edward Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, on Saturday, the 24th Dec.:—

March	'Her bright smile Haunts me still'	Campbell
Overture	'The Bohemian Girl'	Balfe
Selection	'Dandy Dan'	Slaughter
Waltz	'Christmas Day'	Waldteufel
Selection	'The Belle of New York'	Kerber
Idyll	'Hiawatha'	Moret
Galop	'The Cyclist'	Kupler

GOD SAVE THE KING.

THE SHERWOODS AT SINGAPORE.

Evidently the Sherwood Foresters are not settling down well in Singapore. The following appears in Singapore papers:—

The Sherwood Foresters have not had time to properly install themselves in Singapore just yet. We understand that on their first night at the Tanglin Barracks some of the officers had to sleep on the floor as there had been no time to obtain the necessary furniture.

We understand that there is some difficulty in fumigating the baggage of the Sherwood Foresters. A case of smallpox occurred on board the *Avoca* and the baggage was sent on afternoon to the fumigating chamber at the foot of Palmer. It is alleged that next day when the engineer went to work the machinery he found that all the brass fitting had been stolen. Riley Hargreaves & Co., are putting in new fittings. It is presumed that as no one is left on the premisses, a thief came in by one of the windows and removed the brass. It is expected that the work of fumigating will be proceeded with to-day.

The Marine Court in Singapore found with regard to the stranding there of the steamer *Knight of St. George*, that the vessel was not navigated in a seamanlike manner nor with all necessary care and caution. The master should have taken greater precautions and ascertained his course with greater care. When he found his position was too far to the south he should have made a greater allowance. The Court reprimanded and cautioned the master. The other officers were in no way to blame. The costs, amounting to $48, were to be paid by the Captain.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

['CHINA MAIL'S' EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
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[Received on December 22, at 6.4 p.m.]

RUSSIA'S INTERNAL POSITION.

POLITICAL SITUATION DISCUSSED.

What will be the Outcome?

LONDON, December 22.

It is semi-officially announced that a Council meeting was held on December 20, over which the Tsar presided, and at which the political situation of Russia was discussed.

The discussion did not end on Tuesday but was continued yesterday (December 21).

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

CANADA SUPPLIES A NAVAL SQUADRON.

LONDON, December 21.

Canada is about to establish in agreement with the Admiralty, a Canadian squadron, beginning with three cruisers manned by the Canadian Naval Militia.

The Dominion is also prepared to garrison and maintain the defences of the Dockyards at Halifax and Esquimault.

THE BRITISH-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

The *Times*, discussing the suggestion in Russian newspapers that Great Britain was tiring of the Japanese alliance, says that should a 'casus foederis' unhappily arise, nothing would induce us to break our plighted word.

THE NORTH SEA INCIDENT INQUIRY.

The papers are publishing a variety of reports from Hull of secret agents, supposedly acting for Russia, who have been endeavouring to bribe the fishermen to swear that there were torpedo boats among the trawlers.

HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAY COMPANY.

Annual General Meeting.

The twentieth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong High-Level Tramway Company, Limited, was held at the Company's registered offices, Alexandra Buildings, at noon, Mr H. Humphreys presiding. There were also present the Hon. W. J. Gresson, Messrs W. H. Gaskell, J. A. Jupp, J. Orange, A. Moir, G. Murray Bain, J. A. Tarrant and J. M. Wong.

The notice convening the meeting having been read the Chairman said: Gentlemen,—I propose with your permission to follow the usual course and take the Report and Statement of Accounts as read. The traffic receipts for the twelve months ended 30th Nov. 1904 show an improvement of $5657.13 and the net profits for the same period an increase of $4924.25 as compared with the preceding year, a result which cannot but be gratifying to shareholders. The possibility, however, of a new Tramway being constructed to the Peak in the near future indirect competition with our own line compels us to husband our resources to the utmost. Your general managers and consulting committee have therefore considered it expedient, notwithstanding the increased profit, to reduced the dividend from $20 to $15 a share, and to place the unusually large sum of $20,000 to Reserve Fund. If this policy be pursued for another two years (about the earliest period in which any opposition line could be opened for traffic) this Company will have a Reserve Fund of about $100,000 and with its small capital, and a Reserve almost equal to its capital, will be in a very sound position and strong enough to meet almost any contingency that may arise. It is to be hoped, however, that the Government will insist on the new Tramway having its Peak terminus at some spot other than in the immediate vicinity of our own Station at Victoria Gap. Another terminus there would confer no lasting benefit upon Peak residents who could at most only hope for a temporary reduction of rates, arising out of the competition between the two companies. The shareholders of both would suffer and the Government and the colony generally would not benefit at all. We are at present negotiating with the authorities for permission to extend our line to Queen's Road. If successful in obtaining their assent we shall be not only in a stronger position to meet the threatened opposition, but we shall be better able to cater for the wants of our season-ticket holders and the Public generally. At the same time we are of opinion that the extension of the line to Queen's Road will prove renumerative, as there will be every likelihood of our receiving much greater support in the way of casual traffic. I have no further remarks to make, but if any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them.

There being no questions the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr G. Murray Bain said: I have great pleasure in seconding the motion, and I think that the Chairman has covered the whole of the ground and mentioned pretty well all the points that there are to mention. I think perhaps the less said at present the better. In the meantime we will find out how the cat jumps.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded, by Mr J. A. Tarrant, the Hon. W. J. Gresson, Mr J. Orange and Mr J. Scott Harston were re-elected to the consulting committee, and on the motion of Mr J. Orange, seconded by Mr J. A. Jupp, Mr W. H. Potts and Mr W. H. Gaskell were re-elected as auditors.

The Chairman: That concludes the business gentlemen; dividend warrants are ready now if you will apply for them.

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THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

THE NORTH SEA ENQUIRY.

Alleged Attempt to Suborn Fishermen.

LONDON, December 22.

It has been suggested that Russia has been endeavouring to suborn the Hull fishermen, who are to appear at the North Sea Enquiry, but the Russian Embassy denies all knowledge of any such attempt.

[JAPANESE OFFICIAL TELEGRAMS.]

PORT ARTHUR'S PLIGHT.

More Heights Occupied.

TOKIO, December 22, 5 p.m.

The Port Arthur Army reports that a detachment of our right assaulted and occupied on Thursday morning the heights of the North Housanyingtou, near Pigeon Bay, and also a height on the peninsula in Pigeon Bay, where one Russian gun of small calibre was captured.

The enemy's counter attack on the peninsula was repulsed.

THE 'SEVASTOPOL.'

Unfit for Navigation.

TOKIO, December 22, 10.10 p.m.

Admiral Togo reported on the 21st instant that the Sevastopol had been busily pumping water from the breach caused by the torpedo attack of the Japanese, but she was still listing at least ten degrees with her bow sunk.

It is believed that it will be hopeless to recover her for navigation under the present circumstances at Port Arthur.

According to a reliable statement made by a prisoner her torpedo netting was torpedoed eight times, while the hull was torpedoed at least once and split eight feet on the aft part of the port side.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

Six of the crew of the British steamer *Le Coq*, on which a mutiny is alleged to have occurred near Bordeaux, arrived at Southampton on Nov. 8 in the steamer *Albatross*. The men stated that they had occasion to complain of the quality of their food, and were ordered to do extra duty. They asked the captain to send them to the British Consul at Bordeaux, which he promised to do, but kept them waiting two days and had the dock gates closed against them. They wandered about throughout one night without food, and on returning to the ship a general fight occurred, knuckle-dusters and sling shot being used, according to the men. One of the firemen was severely cut on the head. Subsequently the matter was laid before the British Consul, who decided that forfeiture of their wages was sufficient punishment for the assault on the officers. The men concluded by stating that the captain had filled their places and they were quite destitute. The agent of the Shipwrecked Mariner's Society provided them with means to reach their homes.

A Fatal Collision.

A collision occurred in the harbour last night which was attended with fatal results. The accident happened at about 11 o'clock when a pinnace from H.M.S. *Glory* was bringing some passengers from the warship to Hongkong. When about midway between the ship and Murray Pier she collided with a sampan which was taking three marines and four sailors back to the *Glory* and threw them, and the sampan's crew into the water. They were all rescued by the pinnace with the exception of a Chinese boy who is still missing.

A Steamer Overdue.

Some anxiety is felt in shipping circles as to the whereabouts of the American owned steamer *Leguspi*, which left here for Manila last Thursday. She should have arrived at the latter port on Sunday night or Monday morning but has not since been heard of and it is considered that she must have encountered rough weather in crossing the China Sea. She carries a general cargo and is owned by Messrs Yuibar and Company of Manila, Messrs Barretto and Company being the local agents. The agents are in communition with Manila but have no news regarding the steamer.

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AN ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

Band of The 'Furst Bismarck.'

One of the few really good band concerts that has been listened to in Hongkong took place at the City Hall last evening, when the band of S.M.S. *Furst Bismarck*, under Bandmaster Stabshoboist G. Stolle, successfully performed a selection of classic musical gems. The attendance was large, not a vacant seat was to be had in the Dress Circle, while the body of the hall was also well filled. Promptly at 9 o'clock the overture, Weber's 'Oberon,' that sweet composition soothing and soft, was played in an admirable manner, and was followed by the Chorus of Pilgrims in Tannhauser (Wagner). The band played in excellent unison, and skilfully interpreted the emotional passages. Throughout the evening they gave universal satisfaction and were applauded for every item given. Schubert's 'Moments Musical' is an exquisite composition and was finely rendered. The close of the first part of the programme, Wagner's Introduction to Act III of Lohengrin, was one of the best pieces of the evening, and the enthusiastic applause necessitated an encore. Bandmaster Stolle chose Mansfield's 'Voregiel,' (II Act. Pfeiferkonig), and his choice was well placed. The audience were enraptured and at the conclusion a loud burst of applause rang out. In the second part the same successful and sympathetic treatment was given to all the selections, the best of all being Entr'act 'Mignon' (Thomas) and Greig's 'Ase's Death' ('Peer Gynt, Suite 11), performed by the String Quartettes. The first of these, which is very catching, has a beautiful opening, full of sweetness, while the second is the reverse, slow solemn music, full of depth and feeling. The concert was a delightful one, and the crowded state of the house was a compliment to the excellent band and its bandmaster. The programme was as follows:—

PART I.

Overture ...... 'Oberon' ...... Weber
Chorus of Pilgrims 'Tannhäuser' ... Wagner
(*a.*) Moments' Musicals ...... Schubert
(*b.*) Nocturn from the Ballet ... 'Copelia' ... Delibes
(String Quartettes.)
Sigmund's Love Song 'Walküre' ... Wagner
Introduction Act III 'Lohengrin' Wagner

PART II.

Overture ...... 'Zauberflöte' ...... Mozart
Larghetto ... 'Symphony II' ... Beethoven
(*a.*) Entr'act ...... 'Mignon' ...... Thomas
(*b.*) Ase's Death 'Peer Gynt Suite II,' Grieg
(String Quartettes.)
Introduction and Chorus 'Rienzi' Wagner
Steersman's Song and Chorus of Sailors ...... 'The Flying Dutchman' ... Wagner

HERR FRIEDENTHAL.

Interesting Reminiscences.

As briefly announced in yesterday's issue of the CHINA MAIL Herr Albert Friedenthal, the well-known and much-travelled pianist, contemplates giving a series of concerts in the City Hall on his return from a tour in the North. Such an opportunity is one that comes seldom enough in Hongkong, and the announcement should be pleasant news to all lovers of music. In the course of his professional career Herr Friedenthal has been a traveller, Siberia being, as he told a CHINA MAIL representative yesterday, almost the only place of importance which he has not visited. He came here from Java, via Singapore, and in the former place combined a pleasure trip with several concerts which were greatly appreciated. In some instances only very small audiences were possible, but the residents would not allow the pianist to go through without playing. Prior to that he was in Australia, and had a most successful season, playing four and five times weekly, 22 concerts being given in the Sydney Town Hall alone. On many occasions he filled the building, which holds upwards of 4,000 persons. In Melbourne nine concerts were given with equal success, and New Zealand and Tasmania were also visited.

Herr Friedenthal says of this tour: 'I am very fond of Australia, the people are perhaps not absolutely connoisseurs but they are great amateurs and very fond of music. They love music perhaps more than the people in any other country I have visited outside of Europe. Music is developing very rapidly in Australia, and especially in New Zealand, and for singers I think Australia is the best country in the world. I toured a good deal in New Zealand and think it is the finest country I have visited, next to Japan.

Herr Friedenthal liked Java very much, indeed, and says that the people there are also very musical. He did very well there and is well pleased with his visit to the Island. The trip from Australia to Java was made by way of New Guinea, and ranks amongst the most enjoyable of his travels. The present tour of the Far East he is making largely for pleasure, but will hold concerts wherever there is a prospect of satisfactory audiences. He intends visiting Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Peking, and, if possible, Port Arthur, returning here in about six weeks. Then he returns to Australia, where he has so many engagements that his only trouble is how he shall get through them in order to return to Europe by the middle of next year.

Speaking of his various tours the great pianist said: 'This is my third trip round the world and I have been over most of the countries many times, although I have never been in Siberia. I should have visited there this time but for the war which had not broken out when I left Europe. My last tour over Europe extended from London to St Petersburg, to Lisbon, Tangiers and many other cities back to London again. I was in Hongkong 13 years ago and this is my first visit to the East since, although I have in the meantime been round the world twice and have toured Europe twenty or thirty times.'

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THE HARBOUR MURDERS.

THE ACCUSED SENTENCED TO DEATH.

ADDRESSES FOR THE DEFENCE.

Appeals for Mercy.

The three youths, Eric Hogmann, Charles Smith and William Nason, again appeared before the Supreme Court this morning on a charge of murder. The case for the prosecution closed when the Court adjourned last night, and the case for the defence opened this morning.

Mr Ferrers asked permission to examine the Swedish interpreter as to his knowledge of the English and Swedish languages. After a few questions Mr Ferrers signified that he was satisfied with the interpreter.

Dr Ho Kai opened the case for the defence. He appeared on behalf of Smith, and said:—The prisoners stand indicted on the most serious crime in the Statute, that of murder, the punishment for which is death. If there is any reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the prisoners, they are to have the full and sole benefit of that doubt. The British law was that the Crown must prove their case to the satisfaction of the jury, and if they fail in any particular, gentlemen of the Jury, you are quite justified in giving the benefit of it to the prisoners.

Dr Ho Kai quoted Russell on Crime to define the meaning of the term 'murder,' and continued:—In common language it seems to me that murder is simply the intentional killing of any person, but that intention must be expressed or implied. Therefore, though the intention of the party may not be ascertained perfectly, the law allows you to imply that intention to kill by their actions. Now it is of the utmost importance to take the whole case as presented by the prosecution and to examine whether it discloses sufficient grounds for you to imply that these men actually intended to kill. The case submitted by the prosecution does not go far enough to establish that purpose. It goes to show that these men have been guilty of carrying out the maddest prank that has ever been conceived by any one in my experience, and that in carrying out this absurd plan unfortunately two accidental deaths took place, and by these accidents they have rendered themselves liable to a charge of murder. They are now placed before you to answer to that charge. It is not necessary for me go through the evidence of all the witnesses, the most material of whom are the sampanman, the boy and the girl. The testimony of the sampanman goes as far as to identify one of the prisoners that he engaged a boat to go to the *China*. Several of his statements were contradicted by other witnesses. He said there were no lights about, other witnesses for the Crown showed that there were lights near. He was asked by the Crown if there was any money on board the sampan to give a motive to the prisoners. He answered, No! Again the Crown tried to prove another motive—indecent assault. The boy confessed that he did not mention anything about the alleged indecent assault because he was ashamed. Such evidence unsupported and given late in the day is not worthy of consideration. Now the boy has told how he struggled with Nason for half an hour. Anyhow he struggled for a considerable time, possibly ten minutes. His testimony was to show that the intention of Nason was to throw him overboard. If that intention was proven then you would be justified in coming to the conclusion that the intention was to kill. The boy is sixteen years of age—14 or 15 according to English reckoning—Nason is 17, and an American. There is no doubt that the boy is the weaker of the two and in the struggle it was very likely that one of them would fall overboard, both being in the bow of the boat. In the course of yesterday's trial the boy stated that he had been bitten and that he had received a cut from a knife in the ankle. That shows, I submit, that there was no intention to kill. Had the intention of the prisoners been to kill, Nason had only to strike the boy in a vital part with the knife, and there would have been no need to throw him overboard. Taking everything into consideration I think you will have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that the intention of the prisoners was not to kill. The girl was scarcely intelligent in her evidence and no reliance can be placed on her story. We refrained from cross-examining her on that account. They were the three important witnesses, the remainder only testified to events subsequent to the alleged commission of the crime. The Crown have not shown conclusively and beyond reasonable doubt that these men committed the crime of murder. They have not shown that the intention of the prisoners was to kill. Their intention was to take the boat and go to Singapore. My learned friend, the Attorney General, tried to draw a parallel between the present case and that of Charles Peace. There is no comparison. Here you have three young men, ranging in ages from 22 to 17. They conceived the idea of taking a sampan and going to Singapore, and if you take that view of the case the intention of the prisoners was not to kill. On the contrary, if deaths resulted, they can only be taken as accidental and your verdict would be one of manslaughter, not of murder.

Mr Ferrers pointed out that if the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder there was no alternative but to pass the sentence of death on the accused, and it was a terrible thing to be mixed up in the death of anyone. The worst feature of the present case was that the prisoners were men on the very threshold of life, whose lives may even yet bring forth good if they were spared. In connection with Hogman, for whom he was appearing, Mr Ferrers submitted that it could not be suggested that he was the one who had suggested the idea to the others. The three prisoners were men who were anxious and ready to work, if they could get it. They tried to get to Singapore where they thought they could get a better chance. The evidence upon which it was thought to convict these men was from their own mouths. The evidence against Hogman brought forward by the Crown was practically nothing. Smith and Nason had both been identified, but no one could say anything against Hogman. If Hogman had said nothing himself it would have been impossible for the Crown to convict him. Mr Ferrers dilated upon the condition of Hogman and the others, and put forward the suggestion that they really were not responsible for their actions. It was an awful thing to be on the beach in Hongkong, especially for a white man. He would tramp the streets from dawn to dark, without a kind word from anyone. He put it that it was within the power of the jury to bring in a verdict of manslaughter, and not one of murder. They did not ask for an acquittal; all they pleaded for was for the lives of the prisoners. He pointed out the frame of mind in which the prisoners were when they calmly and deliberately chose to put to sea in an open boat in the hope of reaching Singapore. They preferred to face the awful suffering of being at sea in an open boat, where death would continually face them. They knew the risks for they were sailors. They made no preparations; took no food or water. To them anything was preferable to remaining on the beach in Hongkong. The Government, continued Mr Ferrers, had a duty to perform to beachcombers in the Colony, and if it did not perform that duty, it had no right now to ask the jury to find the prisoners guilty of murder. The prisoners were attracted here by the apparent wealth of the Colony. Here they thought they could find work and earn an honest living. When their money was spent they were destitute, and imprisoned, for it required money to leave the Island. Had the Government spent the money, or one tenth of the money, which the defence of the prisoners cost them, it would have been more than sufficient to have paid their passages away. A white man in Hongkong has no chance of getting employment if dependent solely on the strength of his hands and the sweat of his brow. The explanation was simple—a Chinaman can work for less money. The Government do nothing for the beachcombers except to lock them up and treat them as criminals. They were treated worse than rats. When the Sanitary Board officials destroyed rats they give them a painless death; the beachcomber was doomed to starvation. Mr Ferrers dwelt upon the youth of the prisoners and alluded to the fact that Christmas, when goodwill and mercy predominated, was almost here, concluding his admirable oration with a strong appeal for mercy.

Mr Calthrop, on behalf of Nason, then addressed the Court. He referred to the remark of the Attorney General that when in the commission of an unlawful act death was caused all participants in that act were equally guilty of murder. Mr Calthrop remembered a case when a man was charged with murder, the intention of which was presumed to lie in the commission of an unlawful act. The Attorney General in that case (now Chief Justice of England) did not say that the only verdict possible was that of murder. He told them that although he thought that murder had been committed, unless they were satisfied with the intention of the prisoner they might find, and it was a privilege of a British jury to find, the prisoner guilty of manslaughter. The jury in that case brought in a verdict of manslaughter. They exercised their great prerogative of mercy. He asked the jury to extend to the three unfortunate boys in the dock the same mercy that had been extended then. The Attorney General, continued Mr Calthrop, also unfortunately alluded to that notorious criminal Charles Peace, who was hanged. He asked could a man, with a criminal record like Charles Peace, be compared to the prisoners in the dock. Peace lived for twenty years by housebreaking and burglary, and killed several men. On the occasion of his trial he was proved to have fired no less than four shots at a policeman, enough to prove his intention. Another matter, which seemed to Mr Calthrop to be only prejudice, was alluded to by the Attorney General. In Courts of Law it was usual not to mention the antecedents of the prisoners, but in Hongkong, said Mr Calthrop, that procedure did not seem to be followed. The Attorney General said that these men belonged to a class which, unfortunately, was becoming a curse to the Colony. They were not on trial for being beachcombers, but for murder. Mr Calthrop reviewed a portion of the evidence, and wound up his remarks by an eloquent appeal for mercy.

Mr Sharp, the Attorney General, referred to the remarks made by Mr Calthrop with reference to the equal guilt of participants in an unlawful purpose which resulted in the death of anyone. The position the Crown took up was that the three prisoners set out with a common unlawful purpose of stealing a sampan and overpowering the crew, resisting, if necessary, any opposition on the part of the crew. The death of the sampan woman and her child clearly occurred in the prosecution of that purpose. He then proceeded to quote Archibald and Russel on the point, and submitted that the circumstances of the present case were parallel with those he had quoted, in which it had been held the participants were liable to a verdict of murder. He also quoted authorities (Archibald) on the point that even if the sampan woman had jumped overboard from fear the prisoners would still be guilty of murder. The evidence he submitted showed that they were thrown overboard. He referred to the statements of the prisoners, and submitted that they conclusively proved the common unlawful purpose of the prisoners. One of the prisoners stated that they left a previous sampan because the crew was so strong that they recognised they would have to kill some of them. That, he submitted, clearly proved the intention to kill. Another point Mr Sharp touched upon was the absence of any attempt to rescue on the part of the prisoners. Had the woman fallen overboard they would have tried to rescue her, or might have put forward that plea, but they did not do so. It was clear that Smith was the leader of the gang. He conceived the whole scheme, and took an active part in all that was done. Smith's first statement was important because he denied the whole transaction. Before the Magistrate, Smith, having heard the statement Nason made, adopted it and went back on every point in his previous statement. According to other statements, however, it was clear that the whole three prisoners were implicated in the deeds done. Hogmann made a statement which approached a clean breast of the affair. That was something in his favour. The acts of the prisoners showed they were at all costs. He thought his friends misapprehended their position in objecting to the statements of one prisoner being used against the others. By common sense and by clear law the acts of each in the common purpose in view was the act of all. Much was made of the point that the woman's body did not show marks of violence, but Dr. Hunter's evidence showed that blows made just before death would not produce bruises. The Doctor further said it would be impossible for him to tell whether the woman had been struck or had been struggled with. It was clear, however, from the evidence, that the struggle in the stern was a protracted one. More than one man participated in the struggle and it was a fact, too, that the woman was found without clothes, and though he could not say that the clothing was stripped off her in the struggle, it was difficult to says how she lost it. The one relieving feature in the sad case was the struggle which the boy put up against his assailants. Allusion had been made to the age of the prisoners, but on that point the Court only had their own statements. They were at all events old enough to know better. If any indulgence was to be extended to them it would be considered after the verdict was given. It was the desire of the Crown not to unduly press the charge. It was the Crown's duty to see the law vindicated and the evidence showed the crime of which the prisoners were accused to have been of an exceptionally callous nature. He submitted that it had been established that the prisoners acted in concert in the execution of their purpose and they were resolved to carry it out, and if the jury were satisfied upon this point there was no other course open to them but to find the men, terrible as it might be, guilty of murder.

The Chief Justice, in summing up, said that he would confine himself to guiding them in the arrival at a true verdict as between the Crown and the prisoners on trial. It was unnecessary for him to say that the jury were not to be prejudiced by the fact, if it be a fact, that they belonged to the class which is known as beachcombers. That was not to the point, nor was it at all to the point that the Government of Hongkong, if it was a fact, did nothing to relieve the necessities of that floating population called beachcombers. It was altogether beside the issue, which was whether or not the prisoners brought certain persons to their death in Hongkong harbour under such circumstances that amounted to the crime of murder. It was also absolutely immaterial that they were, as stated, below that age which the law assigned as exempting prisoners from criminalty. One of the prisoners was of full man's estate—22—the other was 20 and the third 17. It was undoubtedly sad to find persons of such tender years in the position of having to answer for their lives upon the charge preferred against them, but that again was a matter entirely foreign to the practical part the jury had to play in the case. The prisoners were quite old enough to know right from wrong. It was also beside the issue that they had been called upon to try the case at Christmas time. The duties of the jury were precisely the same at Christmas as at any other time. What season of the year it happened to be should have no effect upon them. They were to give their verdict according to the evidence and not according to the season. The fact that the prisoner Nason, if it was a fact, as alleged by the Counsel, had parents thousands of miles away actually waiting his return should not have been put to them. It would have been equally improper for the Attorney General to remind the jury that the sampan man stood on the Praya waiting the return of the sampan and his family. All they had to do was to consider the facts in a clear calm mind free from all emotions whatever. The Attorney General laid down a very clear exposition of the law that bore upon the facts that had been proved in the case. He had told them that when several persons associated themselves together for an unlawful purpose, intending at the time to resist by force all who opposed them when carrying out that purpose and the result was loss of life, then it was murder and not manslaughter. Any other view of the law would render the lives of people in a community in which such a reading held force insecure in the extreme and there would be a direct incentive to the perpetration of cases of violence in the furtherance of unlawful purposes. To say that a burglar who broke into a house in the dead of night intending to steal money and who subjected a person to such violence that he either died on the spot or, in fleeing from it, killed himself—was not to be found guilty of murder because he only set out to rob would be to state a proposition which would be a premium upon crime and render life absolutely insecure. Such was not not the English law. The law of England and the law of this country was that which had been put before them by the Attorney General. It was absolutely necessary for the safety of a community that such should be the law. If it was true that these men did what the evidence showed, they were guilty of murder. It was immaterial whether the prisoners actually threw the woman and child overboard or whether they jumped overboard; it was not necessary to take the child up in arms and throw it overboard. If it fell over by fright it would be quite sufficient to sustain a charge of murder. Supposing the boy, after his struggle with Nason, had jumped overboard and had not sufficient strength to cling to the rudder of the steamer and was drowned, would anyone in his senses say that Nason would not be guilty of his murder? The plea that the deaths was due to accident, disappeared instantly, when they remembered, as Mr Sharp said, that the men made no attempt to rescue the people. If His Lordship frightened a child into the water and hoisted his sail and went away there would be only one conclusion as to his intention, and surely that was that he intended the child to take its chance of swimming or not. That was the only opinion to arrive at with regard to the prisoners. He directed the jury to find a verdict according to the evidence.

The jury then retired, and after a few minutes interval returned with a verdict of guilty in each case, and recommending the prisoners to the mercy of the Court.

In reply to the usual question the prisoners said they had nothing to say.

His Lordship in pronouncing sentence of death said that they had said everything, and everything that could be said for them had been said. It was extremely sad to see three young men in the position they occupied. Their acts had been of the most outrageous that had ever been perpetrated in the annals of the Colony. Each man was a disgrace to the country to which he belonged. He then passed sentence of death on the three, and said that he could not deal with the recommendation of the jury, but that he would forward it to the Governor to exercise his prerogative of mercy. It was his duty to tell them that he could hold out no hope.

The men were then removed from the Court.

A large crowd of people assembled in the street, and the police took the precaution of conveying the prisoners to the gaol by a back route. The public were not aware of this and remained in the street for some ti...

SPORTING.

Christmas Cricket.

The presence of Christmas makes very little difference to the sportsmen of Hongkong. Cricket and Football go on with their accustomed swing, irrespective of the festive season, and though the extra day is availed of, nothing of a special sort is indulged in. The annual match between the Hongkong Club and the combined Services is perhaps an exception; that savours of Christmas, and we trust it will continue to be an annual fixture.

The match last year resulted in a draw after a very interesting game. The Club batted first and compiled 160 runs, T. S. Smith scoring 46, while the Services were dismissed for 149, 11 runs in the rear; T. S. Smith taking 4 wickets for 4 runs. The Club opened their second innings well, scoring 171 runs for 6 wickets, of which H. Hancock had made 45. They then declared the innings closed, and the Services, with 182 runs to get, took the crease. Time was short, but the Services made a grand effort, finishing up with 4 wickets down for 168, Lt. Heath having made 97. The Services were only 14 runs behind the Club, and the match, therefore, ended in a draw.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

On Saturday the following League matches will take place:—

KOWLOON *v.* PARSEES.
CIVIL SERVICE *v.* POLICE.
CRAIGENGOWER *v.* ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Kowloon, with the new players that have lately joined, should have no difficulty in beating the Parsees, but in their next match against the Hongkong Club's A team their task will not be so easy. The match between the Police and the Civil Service should provide a good game; the Police team should win. Craigengower apparently has the best of matters in their game with the Royal Engineers, and as there is only two points between them in the League table the match should be a keen one.

The following will represent Craigengower:—L. E. Lammert, H. E. Asger, A. O. Brawn, J. Kinnaird, L. A. Rose, E. S. Ford, R. Basa, R. Pestonji, J. L. Stuart, J. P. Jordan and L. Almada Castro.

THE LEAGUE COMPETITION.

The position of the teams in the League Competition is as follows:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
A O. C.	10	8	1	1	25
Kowloon	7	5	2	0	15
Police	7	4	2	1	13
Craigengower	7	3	3	1	10
R'yal Engin'rs	9	3	3	3	12
R. G. A.	7	3	2	2	11
Civil Service	8	2	5	1	7
R.A.M.C.	10	2	8	0	6
H.K.C.C. 'A'	4	1	0	3	6
Parsee	5	0	5	0	0

N.B.—A win counts 3 points; a draw 1 point.

LAWN BOWLS.

The final in the Civil Service Bowls Competition (doubles) between Messrs Howell and Lamble, Higby and Andrews will be played off after conclusion of the Cricket Match to-morrow.

FOOTBALL.

The Hongkong Football Club will play a rugby match against H.M.S. '*Nonsuch*' to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 4.45. The following will play for the Club:—Three-quarters, A. S. Kempthrone, A. C. Lang, and Lieut. Hannay; halves, J. Clark and H. Soper; forwards, H. C. Sandford, A. Boyd, Capt. Elgood, Lieuts. Graham, Black, Rankin and Duncan and H. F. Chard. The full-back and one three-quarter have yet to be selected.

The Victoria Recreation Club meet the Royal Engineers on the latter's ground, commencing at 4.15 p.m. The V. R. C. team is as follows:—Goal, W. Thomson; back, G. B Macdonald and H. C. Austen; half-backs, E. Humphreys, J. Witchell and Wemyss; forwards, H. W Sayer, J. T. Dixon, F. Forbes and F. Clark.

TRAINING FOR THE RACES.

The racecourse is still quiet in the mornings, the attendance of sightseers and ponies being small. Few of the horses are doing strong work just now, most of them being worked but lightly. It is expected that when the Christmas and New Year festivities are over the solid training will be commenced. Already one or two ponies give promise of being in the front when the races come off, notably Mr Mumford's pony. His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan's dun is also moving well, and should be heard of later on.

The programme for the races shows that two events have been eliminated from last year's list—The Parsee Cup and The Blake Challenge Cup—and that two others—The Governor's Cup and The Gold Coast Cup—take their place. The prize money for the coming meeting is about $1,200 less than that given for 1904. The Governor has come to the front with prizes, having donated two cups to be run for, while the Hongkong, Lusitano and Germania Clubs have, as usual, given prizes, as have also the bankers and exchange-brokers and the Officers of the Garrison and Fleet. According to the preliminary programme there are no races set down for walers.

THE NEXT REGATTA.

The Hongkong Regatta, which is to take place on February 11, 1905, is in good hands, and if the strength of the Committee can be taken as a criterion the success of the regatta is assured. Their Excellencies Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., Vice-Admiral Sir G. Noel, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. and Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., and Commodore C. G. Dicken, are patrons, and the Committee is composed of the following gentlemen:—Colonel L. F. Brown, R.E., Messrs A. Chapman, E. W. Mitchell, G. A. Caldwell, C. H. Gale, F. W. Warre, and H. F. Chard. So far it is proposed to hold eight rowing events and three sailing races.

The rowing races include a four-oared race, pair-oared race, and tubsculling event open to all-comers; Junior fours, Pairs randan gigs, open to Hongkong residents; The Governor's Cup, open to residents of Hongkong, each crew to be from a single unit, defined as a Regiment, a Ship, a Corps, the Volunteers, a Firm, or any body of gentlemen working together, in the same profession or calling. If any one unit is not strong enough to form a crew then a combination of two similar units may be made. A Club whose object is rowing simply is not eligible to compete. (Does this mean that the Hongkong Boat Club is barred from entering a team, while the V. R. C. can do so?). The other two rowing events are a race for Men-of-war Gigs and Whalers and Men-of-war Cutters. The sailing events are:—The Governor's Cup for cruising yachts, English rig; the Commodore of the R. H. Y. C.'s Cup for Cruisers, Chinese rig; and the Handicap for all Yachts under 28 feet linear rating. The rowing boats for the races are to be supplied by the Hongkong Boat Club and the V. R. C. and will be allotted to the competitors by the Committee. They will be available for training as well as for the day of the race. Invitations have been sent to outside ports, such as Canton, to enter crews for the open events, and it is to be hoped that they will do so and give Hongkong an opportunity of turning the tables on their recent vanquishers. The Hongkong crews will have to improve somewhat considerably before they are able to do that, however. An effort is to be made to secure a course for the races near Wanchai, and if successful it should be a distinct improvement.

BILLIARDS.

An interesting billiard tournament is being contested at the Bowling Club, being divided into three classes. The handicaps are as follows:—

'A' CLASS.—To play 250 points.

J. Rodger (owes 150); G. P. Lammert, L. Knox, and A. B. Moulder (owes 90); F. O. Ranney (owes 40); W. B. Houghwout (Scratch); E. Moses (plus 25); H. A. Seth, B. Branch, J. L. Cotter (plus 30).

'B' CLASS.—To play 200 points.

F. Lammert (owes 35); H. G. Campbell, W. Humphreys, R. Henderson, C. C. Major, S. A. Seth, L. Lammert, P. W. Goldring, E. A. Snewin and F. P. Musso (scratch).

(C) CLASS—To play 150 points.

W. King, C. E. A. Hance, F. Lorria, H. M. Hobbins, H. M. Bain, and W. H. Purcell (Scratch); A. W. Marnham, A. Badolo, L. A. Musso and W. D. Trimnell (plus 25).

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TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 24TH DECEMBER.

The following Hours of Business will be Observed in all Departments.

8.30 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary,
Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2297

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1904, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Deep Water Bay, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Rural Building Lot No. 110.	Deep Water Bay.	150	164	100	100	15,700	30	736

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *China*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings cargo:—

From Levant ex s.s. *Amphitrite* transhipped at Port Said.

From Venice ex s.s. *Vesta* transhipped at Trieste.

From Trieste ex s.s. *Imperator* transhipped at Bombay.

From Zanzibar ex s.s. *Koerber* transhipped at Aden.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 30th of December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 30th of December, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2302

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE J.C.J.L. Steamship TJIMAHI, Captain JURRIAANSE, having arrived from above ports Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD., at Kowloon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st January, will be subject to rent.

All Claims for Damage must be sent in before the 29th December, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

The Steamer will be despatched for Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar, on the 26th inst., at Noon.

Head Agency of the
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2295

To-day's Advertisements

BEFORE DECIDING ON THE PURCHASE OF A TYPEWRITER CALL AND INSPECT THE NEW MODEL

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For Particulars, apply to

KELLY AND WALSH, Hongkong.

Or to the

YOST TYPEWRITER CO., LD.,
50, HOLBORN VIADUCT,
LONDON, E.C.

Hongkong, January 8, 1904. 20—5

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),

the 24th December, 1904, at 11 A.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET,—

A QUANTITY OF
DOLLS AND TOYS.

TERMS:—As usual.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2299

DON'T FORGET TO CALL
AND
LOOK OVER OUR STOCK OF
FIBER AND RATTAN CHAIRS

BEFORE buying 'XMAS PRESENTS; no comparison with crude imitations made by natives.

Special Prices during Holiday Season. You cannot suggest a more suitable 'Xmas Present than a nice comfortable Chair.

HARRIS KEENEY & CO.,
1 to 1c, SHAUKI-WAN ROAD.
The Trams pass our Door.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2301

NOTICE.

IF JULIA GRAY or MENZIES will communicate with the Undersigned she will hear of something to her advantage. The above was last heard of in Hongkong about the year 1865. Her husband, HENRY MENZIES, was then mate of the s.s. *Yesso*, trading with Hongkong.

Any information as to either of these persons or their children will be gratefully received by their relatives.

JOHN HASTINGS,
Solicitor,
38, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2300

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, on TUESDAY, the 27th December, inst., at 5.30 for 6 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2296

Entertainments.

PEAK HOTEL.

A

GRAND EVENING CONCERT

WILL BE GIVEN BY

Miss HENRIETTE MURKENS
(VIOLINIST), AND
Miss EDITH MERRYLEES
(PIANIST),

ON

TO-NIGHT
(FRIDAY), December 23,
at 9.15 p.m.

Kindly Assisted by
DISTINGUISHED LOCAL AMATEURS.

SEATS: 3 Dollars.

Booking at Messrs ROBINSON'S and PEAK HOTEL.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2272

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千字文

2.—THE THOUSAND WORDS' POEM

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from the different Leading Firms in Europe and America, which are now on show at their premises; also all sorts of

HOME-MADE CANDIES
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of the Finest Quality, Loose or in Boxes.

CHRISTMAS CAKES
from 35 Cents to $1.25 per lb.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
at 90 Cents per lb.

All kind of FANCY CAKES, etc.

Orders taken for any kinds of Special Cakes or Puddings.

An early inspection is invited, so that you may give us your order in time for filling before Christmas.

H. WEISMANN,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 17, 1904. 1034

Entertainments

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

RETURN OF THE LITTLE FAVOURITES.

COMMENCING
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),
DECEMBER 24TH.

POLLARD'S
LILLIPUTIAN
OPERA CO.

'THE BELLE OF NEW YORK.'

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH AND 27TH,

'THE GEISHA.'

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 28TH AND 29TH,

'A GAIETY GIRL.'

PRICES AS USUAL.

Box Plan at ROBINSON'S.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904. 2266

Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE named:—

	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA, VIA S'HAI, MOJI AND KOBE (Passing through the INLAND SEA.)	Java, S. BARCHAM	About 26th December.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	Coromandel, G. M. MONTFORD, R.N.R.	About 31st December.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Bengal, G. PHILIPPS	Noon, 31st December.	See Special Advertisement

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 20, 1904. 26

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.

Empress Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 18 knots. Saving 3 to 7 Days accross the Pacific.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (*Subject to Alteration.*)

R.M.S. *ATHENIAN*	3882 TONS	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, 1904.
R.M.S. *EMPRESS OF CHINA*	6000 TONS	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1905.
R.M.S. *TARTAR*	4425 TONS	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25.
R.M.S. *EMPRESS OF INDIA*	6000 TONS	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8.
R.M.S. *EMPRESS OF JAPAN*	6000 TONS	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 8.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class.......via St. Lawrence £60, via New York £62. Intermediate on Steamers, and 1st Class Rail.......£40, £42.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" STEAMSHIPS passing through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, and make connection with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to D. W. CRADDOCK, *Acting General Agent,* PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, December 14, 1904. 4

PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, *via* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP.	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON.
NICOMEDIA	4370	WAGNER	Jan. 9, 1905.
NUMANTIA	4370	BREHMER	Jan. 31, 1905.
ARABIA	4488	BAHLE	Feb. 20, 1905.
ARAGONIA	5198	SCHULDT	Mar. 12, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 2

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY,	*M. STRUVE,* Capt. T. BRANDT,	SUNDAY, 25th Dec., at Daylight.
TAKAO, Via SWATOW, AMOY AND ANPING	*DECIMA,* Capt. E. SCHLEIKER,	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, at Daylight.
TAMSUI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY,	*FRITHJOF,* Capt. H. A. HARALDSEN,	SUNDAY, 1st Jan., at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOY,	*TRIUMPH,* Capt. A. HANSEN,	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4, at Daylight.

ON account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new Steamers have been requisitioned for Transport Service, and the above-named chartered Steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's Coastal Services. As soon as the state of Affairs permit the Company will resume running with its specially designed new Steamers.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, December 21, 1904. 2579

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers.	*Tons.*	*Captains.*	*To Sail.*
PLEIADES ‡	3753	F. G. Purington	About Dec. 24
TREMONT	9606	T. W. Garlick	About Jan. 10.
LYRA ‡	4417	G. V. Williams	About Feb. 9
PLEIADES ‡	3753	F. G. Purington	About Mar. 4.

‡ Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

S.S. TREMONT ... 9606 tons | Capt. T. W. Garlick ... | About 28th December.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.

The Twin-screw s.s. *Shawmut* and *Tremont* have just been fitted with very superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at Sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, Apply to Dodwell & Co., Limited. GENERAL AGENTS.

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, December 20, 1904. 1724

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT. MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PELEUS	24th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PRIAM	4th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	WRAYCASTLE	5th January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL 1905.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYUNE	3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	17th January.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRIAM	31st January.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PELEUS	28th December.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 20, 1904. 18

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
NAGASAKI	CHIHLI	25th December.
SHANGHAI	WOOSUNG †	26th December.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	CHINGTU * ‡	26th December.
MANILA	TEAN *	27th December.
SHANGHAI	TAIWAN †	28th December.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtsze & Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, Single and Return, To Manila and Australian Ports.

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Hongkong, December 23, 1904.

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—**Surgeon** and **Stewardess** carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	*Tons.*	*Captains.*	*For*	*Sailing Dates.*
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	Dec. 31, at 10 a.m.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	,,	—

For Freight or Passage, apply to Shewan, Tomes & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 20, 1904. 224

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT (or via CHEFOO or CHIN-WAN-TAO) to DURBAN, NATAL.

THE following Chartered Steamers will run at Intervals of about 3 Weeks:—

S.S. *SWANLEY*	Captain	J. P. DAWSON.
S.S. *COURTFIELD*	,,	J. W. MARTIN
S.S. *CRANLEY*	,,	W. E. STEELE.
S.S. *IKBAL*	,,	M. ROBERTSON.
S.S. *ASCOT*	,,	C. E. COX.
S.S. *LOTHIAN*	,,	J. G. WILLIAMSON.
S.S. *INKUM*	,,	E. S. PEARSE.
S.S. *SIKH*	,,	J. ROWLEY.
S.S. *SOFALA*	,,	GEY SHEPHERD.
S.S. *INDRASHAMA*	,,	R. P. CRAVEN.
S.S. *INDRAVELLI*	,,	J. CULLINGTON.
S.S. *SEALDA*	,,	GEO. BROWN.

For Freight, apply to

The next Steamer for Durban, via Chin-Wan-Tao, will be the *SEALDA*, leaving here on SATURDAY, 24th inst.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 22, 1904. [illegible]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME and TRIESTE Direct, Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship GISELA, Captain DAMIANOVICH, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 29th Inst., p.m.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers, Electric Light and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage & Freight, apply to SANDER, WIELER & Co., *Agents,* Prince's Building.

Hongkong, December 1, 1904. 2165

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK, VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

STEAMERS.	TO SAIL. 1904.
SHIMOSA	About Dec. 30.
	1905.
GHAZEE *	About Jan. 25.
SATSUMA	About Feb. 5

* Via Malabar Coast.

For Freight and further information, Apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 110

'BEN' LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship BENLOMOND, Captain CLARK, will be despatched as above on or about the 10th January, 1905.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 12, 1904. 2237

Shipping.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship CHINA, Captain TOMANOVICH, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, 24th Inst., p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, WIELER, & CO., *Agents,* Prince's Building.

Hongkong, December 16, 1904. 2758

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship PALAMCOTTA, Captain GARLAND, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 27th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 19, 1904. 2268

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship TONKIN, Captain SCHMITZ, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 27th December, at 1 P.M.

Passage Tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next Sailings will be as follows:—

S.S. *DUMBEA* ....January 10, 1905.
S.S. *AUSTRALIEN*..January 24, 1905.
S.S. *SALAZIE* ....February 7, 19.5.

L. BRIDOU, *Acting Agent.*

Hongkong, December 21, 1904. 2246

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship GREGORY APCAR, Captain J. G. OLIFENT, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th Inst, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to D. SASSOON & Co., LD., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 2290

FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship SENECA, will Sail for New York from Hongkong on or about 15th January, 1905.

For Freight and further information, apply to STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, December 12, 1904. 2235

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE new Twin Screw Steel Steamer *KWONG CHOW*, 1,309 tons......Captain J. P. MARTIN. *KWONG TUNG*, 1,238 tons......Captain H. W. WALKER. Leave HONGKONG for CANTON at 9 Every Evening (Saturday excepted). Leave CANTON for HONGKONG about 5.30 o'clock Every Evening (Sunday excepted).

These fine new Steamers have unexcelled accommodation for First Class Passengers and are lit throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare—Single Journey...$4.00
Meals ....$1.00 each.

The Company's Wharf is a short distance West of the Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD., AND YUEN ON S.S. CO., LD., No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, November 3, 1904. 31

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S. S. 'WING CHAI,' CAPTAIN T. AUSTIN, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from HONGKONG on Week Days at 8 A.M.; and on Sundays at 8.30 A.M. Departs from MACAO on Week Days at 2.30 P.M., and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.

FARES:—Week Days 1st Class, including cabin and servant, Single $3. Return Ticket $5. 2nd class $1. 3rd Class 50 Cents.

Every Sundays will be an Excursion, at the following rates:—1st and 2nd Class Single Ticket $1. Return $2. 3rd Class, Single 30 Cents, Return 50 Cents, Steerage 10 Cts.

Tiffin and Dinner can be supplied either on board, or at the Macao Hotel, for returning Passengers only, at an extra charge of $2. On Sundays, Passengers desiring to have a Private Cabin which has accommodation for two or more passengers, will be charged $3.00 extra.

First-class Passengers who do not care to return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed to do so the following day (Monday) on production of the Return Half Ticket. Should the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the Boiler Cleaning, due notice will be given by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be available for the following day. The Ship is lit throughout by Electricity.

The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & CO., 2nd Floor, 18, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, November 7, 1904. [illegible]

Shipping.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *BENGAL*, Captain G. PHILIPPS, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 31st December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's s.s. *Victoria*, 6,52? tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. *Oriental*, due in London on the 12th February, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, *Superintendent.*

Hongkong, December 17, 1904. 2264

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

	About
S.S. *RAS ISSA*	20th Jan., 1905.
S.S. *CLAVERDALE*	30th Jan., 1905.

For Freight and further information, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., *General Agents.*

Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 1970

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE Attention of Advertisers is drawn to the Latest Hours for receiving Advertisements and Corrections to Advertisements:—

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 2, 3, 6 and 7, should be sent to this Office not later than 11 a.m. New Advertisements should be sent in before 3 p.m.

G. M. BAIN.

'CHINA MAIL' Office, May, 1904.

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'The Life of Trade.

A ONE-TIME order, like one blow of the hammer on the head of the nail, makes an impression, but it is only the continuous insertion of the advertisement, like the continuous pounding on the head of the nail, that drives the argument home and clinches it.'

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The Catholic Union has, as usual, taken up the task of providing Christmas treats for a large number of poor children and aged people, and with the object of raising funds staged 'Ali Baba' or 'The Forty Thieves' at their theatre last evening. The performance was a burlesque extravaganza, and was witnessed by a large audience. The interpretation was a highly creditable one, all of the members of the Union doing well in their respective parts. Mr M. J. Danenberg as 'Ali Baba' and Mr F. H. Barnes as 'Ganem' being well placed, while Mr Emil Danenberg as 'Arbalis,' and Mr F. B. da Silva, as 'Hassarac,' the robber chief's rebellious lieutenant, was especially good. Other principal parts were ably sustained by Mr C. Dos Remedios, 'Cassim Baba'; Mr G. Osmund, 'Hassan'; Mr C. M. Soares, 'Orcomband'; Miss M. Barradas 'Cogia Baba'; Miss Maria Barradas, 'Zaide'; and Miss F. Ribeiro 'Morgiana'.

The scenery was arranged by Mr Chee Cheong and also were very effective, while the costumes also were excellent. The orchestra was exceptionally good and elicited many expressions of appreciation. Mr S. Pinna acted as musical director, and Mr M. J. Danenberg as stage manager.

In conclusion a laughable harlequinade was given and created great amusement. The next performance will be on Saturday, at 5.30 p.m.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

A Farewell Gathering.

The Staff of the Navy Works Loan Department, Admiralty, met on December 21, at the Hongkong Hotel, at the invitation of Mr Lewis, C.E., for the purpose of bidding farewell to Messrs O. Ordish, S.C.E., G. J. B. Sayer, C.E., and A. C. Voules, A.C., who are leaving for England. The Navy Loan Department and the Works Department are to be amalgamated on January 1, and will henceforth be carried on under the direction of the Officer in charge of Works.

In the course of an address Mr Lewis said that there were two things which had to be done that evening, viz., to propose the healths of the departing members of the staff and to present Mr Ordish, on behalf of all the employees, with a handsome gold watch as a memento of his sterling ability as a chief and friend. He expressed the wish that the three gentlemen whose health he was proposing would have continual good health and prosperity.

Mr Ordish acknowledged the compliment he had received and assured the company that he would treasure it as a valued memento of the pleasant days he had spent in Hongkong with such a loyal and good staff, as those whom he commanded.

Mr Sayer also voiced his appreciation of the good wishes of the staff. He had served in Hongkong for fifteen years, six and a half of which as officer in charge of Admiralty works, the remainder being under his present chief. He was going home on a holiday, not for good, and he hoped to meet the Staff again at an early date. He proposed the health of Mr Lewis, who from the date of his joining, four and a half years ago, had entered into goodfellowship with the whole of the staff. He hoped that the future would be as bright as the past, and that the same goodfellowship would always exist between them all.

Mr Powell proposed the health of the Government Surveyors, Messrs Corderoy and Brighton, to which Mr Corderoy responded.

The health of the incoming chief, Mr Shortridge, S.C.E., was given by Mr Ordish, and Mr Shortridge replied suitably.

Mr Robson, foreman of the Naval Yard, was also toasted.

An enjoyable musical evening was afterwards spent, the following contributing vocal or instrumental selections:—Messrs L. Broughall, S. J. Powell, R. Mitchell, J. C. Lowe, H. W. Sayer, A. S. Danievall, and Geo. Grimble.

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A telegram from Allahabad, dated November 29, gives further particulars regarding the disturbances in Dir. It appears that Mian Gul Jan, the younger son of the Nawab, wished to establish himself as heir against Badshah Khan, his elder brother. Several times during the past summer an open quarrel between the two had threatened, and a few weeks ago Mian Gul Jan shot Saiyid Bakir Jan, a friend of his father the Nawab, who waited until the Chitral reliefs had been carried out and then sent Badshah Khan with a lashkar (armed force) to turn his brother out of Munda. The latter escaped and fled to Nawagai where he persuaded the Khan to support his cause, bribing him with a promise to cede Munda to him. The Khan moved off with a force and fighting followed, in which he was beaten back. Meanwhile the Khan of Nawagai has been ordered by the British authorities to withdraw his forces as the quarrel is one with which he has no concern. So far the only satisfactory feature of the business is that Mian Gul Jan has been driven out of Dir territory. A later telegram states that order has now been restored in Dir, where fighting was recently going on between the two sons of the Nawab. The younger, who seems to have been the aggressor, has been captured and interned under the orders of his father.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 22.

Elisabeth Rickmers, German str., 997, G. Götsche, Bangkok December 14, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Carl Diederichsen, German steamer, 774, H. Schlaikier, Haiphong Dec. 20, General—JEBSEN & Co.

Tjimahi, Dutch str., 2,475, N. V. W. Jurriaanse, Amoy Dec. 20, General.—JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Rajaburi, German steamer, 1,189, D. Reimers, Bangkok Dec. 14, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Mausang, British str., 1,644, S. J. Payne, Sandakan Dec. 17, Timber.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Jacob Diederichsen, German steamer, 623, B. Ohlsen, Pakhoi and Hoihow Dec. 20, General.—JEBSEN & Co.

Sperber, German gunboat, 1,857, Oxe, Tsintau Dec. 15.

December 23.

Tean, British str., 1,346, A. Sommerville, Manila Dec. 20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Sithonia, German str., 4,238, Th. Hildebrandt, Hamburg and Singapore Dec. 15, General.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

China, Austrian str., 3,855, Tomanovich, Trieste and Singapore Dec. 15, General.—SANDER, WIELER & Co.

Dunav, Austrian str., 2,492, A. Thianich, Kutchinotzu December 16, Coal.—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

Zweena, British str., 900, Jas. Ewart, Rangoon via Singapore Dec. 2, Kerosine Oil.—CHINESE.

Chi Yuen, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. Stewart, Shanghai December 2[illegible], General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Waterwitch, British surveying-ship, from Mirs Bay.

Kowloon, German str., from Canton.

Kwangse, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 22.

Callao, American gunboat, for Canton.

December 23.

Roon, for Shanghai.
Esang, for Canton.
Choysang, for Shanghai.
Clara Jebsen, for Chinkiang.
Shansi, for Shanghai.
Triton, for Tsingtau.
Haimun, for Swatow.
Yuensang, for Manila.
Zafiro, for Manila.
Workfield, for Shanghai.
Dunmore, for Kobe.
Wosang, for Shanghai.

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Kwangse, for Shanghai.
Highlander, for Kobe.

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Per *Elisabeth Rickmers*, from Bangkok, Mr and Mrs Colleaux, Mr Corndorfer, Mr Lorenz, and 16 Chinese.

Per *Rajaburi*, from Bangkok, Mr and Mrs Freege, child and servant.

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Per *Mausang*, from Sandakan, Dr Macleod, Mr Tarowsky, and 28 Chinese.

Per *Sithonia*, from Singapore, 316 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer *Tean* reports: From Manila Dec. 20th, strong monsoon, dull and overcast, moderate sea and swell, but very high sea on approaching port.

The British steamer *Mausang* reports: From Sandakan Dec. 17th, encountered moderate breeze, with fine weather. Dec. 22nd, at 7.15 a.m., in lat. 21.3 N., long. 115.30 E., passed a steamer with a hulk in tow, steering to the S.E.

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.08	30.24	30.21
Temperature	55	53	61
Humidity	76	52	50
Direction of Wind	E	NNE	NNE
Force	2	1	2
Weather	b	b	b
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 22nd ... 63
Lowest open air temperature on the 23rd ... 52

J. I. PLUMMER, *Chief Assistant.*
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 22nd, 1904.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping of midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in connection with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Officer
4. From Harbour Master's to the Market.
5. From The Market to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Building.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellet's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessels' Names.	Anchorage	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Agincourt	3 c	Worsnop	British str.	2876	Oct. 3	Gilman & Co.		
Athenian	3 c	Robinson	British str.	2440	Dec. 17	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver (B.C.)	Dec. 28.
Bawtry	3 c	Shotton	British str.	1542	Dec. 22	Dodwell & Co., Ld.		
Belgian King	3 c	Hayton	British str.	2153	Dec. 2	Bradley & Co.		
Carl Diederichsen	3 c	Schlaikier	Ger. str.	774	Dec. 22	Jebsen & Co.		
Chihli	3 c	Hooker	British str.	1124	Dec. 18	Butterfield & Swire		
China	k w	Tomanovich	Aus. str.	4835	Dec. 23	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Clavering	3 c	Barton	British str.	2154	Dec. 19	China Commercial S. Co., Ld.		
Desamore	3 c	Tchervig	Norw. str.	1469	Dec. 18	A. R. Marty		
Dongola	2 c	English	British str.	2820	Dec. 15	Standard Oil Co.		
Elisabeth Rickmers	3 c	Goetche	Ger. str.	1018	Dec. 22	Butterfield & Swire		
Emma Luyken	3 c	Martens	Ger. str.	1149	Dec. 21	Chinese		
Empress of China	4 c	Beetham	British str.	3003	Dec. 20	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver (B.C.)	Jan. 3.
Esang	3 c	Bichard	British str.	1127	Dec. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Fausang	9 c	Mitchell	British str.	1410	Dec. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Germania	3 c	Bruhn	Ger. str.	1714	Dec. 22	Jebsen & Co.		
Goldmouth	2 c	Starkey	British str.	4868	Dec. 2	Dodwell & Co., Ld.		
Gregory Apcar	4 c	Olifent	British str.	2961	Dec. 20	David Sassoon & Co., Ld.	S'pore & Calcutta	Dec. 28.
Halaban	3 c	Steendam	Dutch str.	391	Dec. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Highlander	8 c	Dawson	British str.	1595	Dec. 17	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Kobe	Dec. 24.
Hue		Godinau	French str.	705	Nov. 27	A. R. Marty	....	K'loon Dock
Indravelli		Cullington	British str.	3125	Nov. 28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Inkula	3 c	Dean	British str.	3316	Dec. 12	Order		
Jacob Diederichsen	3 c	Ohlsen	Ger. str.	623	Dec. 22	Jebsen & Co.		
Kashing	3 c	Pickard	British str.	1143	Dec. 18	Butterfield & Swire		
Korat	3 c	Hubner	Ger. str.	1223	Dec. 19	Chinese		
Kowloon	3 c	Stehr	Ger. str.	1487	Dec. 14	Siemssen & Co.		
Kwangse	3 c	Boyd	British str.	1228	Dec. 14	Butterfield & Swire		
Kwongsang	3 c	Lake	British str.	1427	Dec. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Laertes	3 c	Jackson	British str.	1340	Dec. 15	Chinese		
Loksang	3 c	Hussey	British str.	989	Dec. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Lyeemoon	3 c	Lehmann	Ger. str.	1233	Dec. 19	Siemssen & Co.		
Manchuria	3 c	Saunder	Amer. str.	8750	Dec. 21	C. M. S. N. Co.	Japan & San F'cisco	Dec. 26.
Mausang	3 k	Payne	British str.	1643	Dec. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Medan		Stolberg	Ger. str.	760	Nov. 30	Order		K'loon Dock
Moefoo	3 c	Whitelaw	Chi. str.	1321	Dec. 20	C. M. S. N. Co.		
M. Struve	3 c	Brandt	Ger. str.	980	Dec. 20	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Swatow & Tamsui	Dec. 25.
Nanshan	3 c	Storell	British str.	1299	Dec. 22	Bradley & Co.		
Ningchow	3 c	Riley	British str.	5716	Dec. 21	Butterfield & Swire		
Oranga	3 c	Dannevig	Norw. str.	1744	Dec. 22	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Phu-yen		Dugroiset	French str.	1598	Dec. 17	Bradley & Co.		Cos'tan Dock
Pleiades	3 c	Purinton	Amer. str.	2632	Dec. 16	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Tacoma, &c.	Dec. 24.
Rajaburi	3 c	Rehwaldt	Ger. str.	1189	Dec. 22	Butterfield & Swire		
Samsen	3 c	[illegible]	Ger. str.	998	Dec. 16	Order		
Scotsman	3 c	Mackenzie	British str.	1764	Dec. 16	Order		
Sealda	3 c	Brown	British str.	3438	Nov. 29	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Durban	Dec. 25.
Shansi	3 c	Carnaghan	British str.	1228	Dec. 22	Butterfield & Swire		
Sithonia	3 c	Hildebrandt	Ger. str.	4238	Dec. 23	Hamburg-Amerika Linie		
Sobralense	3 c	Dean	British str.	[illegible]	Dec. 23	Butterfield & Swire		
Stanley Dollar	3 c	[illegible]	Amer. str.	1857	Dec. 15	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Taiwan	3 c	Harder	British str.	1109	Dec. 18	Butterfield & Swire		
Tean	3 c	Sommerville	British str.	1346	Dec. 23	Butterfield & Swire	Manila	Dec. 27.
Tetartos	3 c	Deeler	Ger. str.	1576	Dec. 14	Siemssen & Co.		
Tjimahi	3 c	Jurriaanse	Dutch str.	2476	Dec. 22	Java-China-Japan Lijn.	Batavia & Macassar	Dec. 26.
Triton	3 c	Kraft	Ger. str.	1088	Dec. 21	Siemssen & Co.		
Workfield	3 c	Broadhead	British str.	2796	Dec. 22	Order		
Wosang	3 c	Malkin	British str.	1227	Dec. 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	Dec. 23.
Woosung	3 c	Dawson	British str.	1030	Dec. 13	Butterfield & Swire		
Yiksang	8 c	Welsh	British str.	887	Dec. 18	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.								
Acme	2 c	McLellan	British str.	2937	Dec. 19	Standard Oil Co.		
Ancenis	3 c	Salter	[illegible] bqe.	1700	Nov. 26	Order		
Geo. T. Hay	2 c	Spicer	British sh.	3409	Dec. 21	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Prince Robert	9 c	Hansen	4-m bk.	2085	Nov. 22	Standard Oil Co.		
Tarang	8 c	Probst	Amer. sch.	72	Dec. 14	G. P. Lammert		

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

[SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER].

Laos, Patroclus, Indrasamha, November 15; *Moravia, Prinzesse Marie, Austria, Zieten*, 18; *Hindustan, Planet Neptune, Sithonia*, 22; *Glenlogan, Lily*, 25; *Achilles, Hindoo, Lethington, Roseley*, 29; *Anapa, Priam, Claverburn, Pembroke, Prinzesse Alice*, Dec. 2; *Denbighshire, Confidence, Oro*, 6; *Benlarig, Glaucus, Glenroy, Heathglen, Keay Castle*, 9; *Palma, Persia, Duneurn, Spezia, Thode Fagelund, Bayern, Manila*, 13; *Ajax, Andalusia, Brisgavia, Machaon, Salazie, Prinz Regent Luitpold*, 16; *Ernest Simons, Quinta*, 20.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

December 20, *Ulysses*.

Mails.

The O. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Coptic*, with mails &c., from San Francisco to the 26th Nov., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the morning of 17th Dec. via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, and is due here on or about the 26th Dec.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, the 20th Dec., and left again at noon, on Wednesday for Yokohama, where she is due to arrive at 1 p.m., on Thursday, the 22nd Dec.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Korea*, with mails &c., from San Francisco to the 3rd Dec. via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port on the morning of 23rd Dec. via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

Steamers Expected.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Tartar* left Vancouver for Hongkong, via the usual ports of call, on Tuesday morning, the 5th Dec.

The Indo-China S. N. Co. Ld.'s s.s. *Laisang*, from Calcutta and The Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 20th Dec., at 5 p.m.

The P. & A. steamer *Nicomedia* arrived at Yokohama on the 16th Dec., and left again on the 19th, via Kobe and Moji, and may be expected here on the 30th December.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Peleus* left Singapore on the 18th Dec. at daylight, and is expected to arrive here on the 24th Dec.

The Glen Line s.s. *Glenlogan* left Singapore on the morning of 22nd Dec., and may be expected here on the 28th Dec.

The A. A. s.s. *Massapequa*, from New York, will leave Manila on the 25th Dec., and will be due here on or about the 28th Dec.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Taiyuan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on 7th Dec., and is due here on the afternoon of 28th Dec.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Java* left Singapore for this port on the 17th Dec., at 5 a.m.

The s.s. *Germanicus* sailed from Victoria, B.C., on 14th Dec.

The P. & A. steamer *Numantia* sailed from Portland, Ore., on the 18th Dec., via Japan ports, and may be expected here on the 23rd January, 1905.

Latest Advices.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Australien*, with the FRENCH MAIL of the 25th November, will leave Saigon on Saturday, the 24th December, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 27th December. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 22nd October.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

22nd December.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
Vl'ostock	2 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	,,	29.96	—	—	NW	2	—
Hakodate	,,	29.85	—	—	—	0	—
Tokio	,,	29.86	—	—	N	2	—
Kochi	,,	29.79	—	—	W	0	—
Nagasaki	,,	30.03	—	—	N	8	—
Kagoshima	,,	29.99	—	—	NW	8	—
Oshima	,,	30.00	—	—	N	6	—
Naha	,,	30.25	—	—	N	10	—
Ishi'jima	,,	30.13	—	—	N	8	—
Taihoku	1 p.	30.26	—	—	E	2	—
Taichu	,,	30.12	—	—	N	8	—
Tainan	,,	30.13	—	—	N	6	—
Koshun	,,	30.09	—	—	NE	6	—
Pescadores	,,	30.12	—	—	NE	10	—
Weihaiwei	3 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	,,	30.44	26	61	NNW	7	cv
Sharp Pk.	,,	30.28	56	78	NNE	5	o
Amoy	,,	30.15	59	70	NE	2	o
Swatow	,,	30.20	63	62	N	2	o
Canton	,,	30.29	57	58	N	2	o
Hongkong	4 p.	30.21	61	50	NNE	2	b
Vict. Peak	,,	—	—	—	N	3	—
Gap Rock	,,	30.16	—	—	NNW	5	—
Macao	,,	30.20	60	—	NE	3	o
Haiphong	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	,,	29.92	82	70	ESE	3	o
Bacolod	3 p.	—	—	—	NE	4	c
Iloilo	,,	29.85	85	—	ENE	3	c
Cebu	,,	29.90	84	—	N	3	b
O. S. James	4 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

23rd December.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
Vl'ostock	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	6 a.	29.96	—	—	E	10	—
Hakodate	,,	29.30	—	—	NE	8	—
Tokio	,,	29.59	—	—	W	2	—
Kochi	,,	29.91	—	—	S	6	—
Nagasaki	,,	30.15	—	—	N	8	—
Kagoshima	,,	30.11	—	—	N	8	—
Oshima	,,	30.11	—	—	N	6	—
Naha	,,	30.17	—	—	N	8	—
Ishi'jima	,,	30.29	—	—	NE	6	—
Taihoku	5 a.	30.39	—	—	E	0	—
Taichu	,,	30.22	—	—	N	6	—
Tainan	,,	30.22	—	—	N	6	—
Koshun	,,	30.17	—	—	NE	6	—
Pescadores	,,	30.26	—	—	NE	10	—
Weihaiwei	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	,,	30.64	32	79	NW	5	cv
Sharp Pk.	,,	30.4	55	67	NE	3	o
Amoy	6 a.	30.23	51	59	NE	2	o
Swatow	9 a.	30.29	52	73	N	2	o
Canton	,,	30.42	58	53	N	2	o
Hongkong	10 a.	30.34	52	67	NE	2	b
Vict. Peak	,,	—	—	—	NNE	4	—
Gap Rock	,,	30.28	—	—	NNE	4	—
Macao	,,	30.33	56	—	N	3	c
Haiphong	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	,,	30.04	79	69	NE	1	o
Bacolod	9 a.	—	—	—	NE	4	c
Iloilo	,,	29.98	79	—	ENE	—	—
Cebu	,,	29.90	82	—	N	3	b
O. S. James	10 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

J. I. PLUMMER, *Chief Assistant.*
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 23, 1904.

WHEN SUFFERING from a cold and you fear an attack of pneumonia, secure a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously. There is no danger from this disease when this remedy is used. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS & Co., Ld., General Agents.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, December 23, 1904.

On London—
Bank, Wire ... 1/11 3/16
,, On demand ... 1/11 1/4
,, 30 days' sight ... 1/11 5/16
,, 4 months' sight ... 1/11 7/16
Credits, 4 ,, ... 1/11 9/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight ... 1/11 11/16
On Paris—
On demand ... 243 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight ... 247
On Berlin—
On Demand ... 197 1/2
On New York—
On demand ... 47 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight ... 48
On Bombay—
Wire ... 144
On demand ... 144 1/4
On Calcutta—
Wire ... 144
On demand ... 144 1/4
On Singapore—
On demand ... 2 1/2 % pm.
On Manila—
On demand, Pesos ... 93 5/8
On Shanghai—
On demand ... 71 3/8
30 days' sight, (private paper) ... 72 1/4
On Yokohama—
On demand ... 95 1/8
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael) ... $51.30
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ... $10.25
Silver (per oz.) ... 28 3/16

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Mails will close:—

For CANTON.—
Per *Fatshan*, at 7.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 23rd December.

For MACAO.—
Per *Wingchai*, at 7.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 23rd December.

For MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.—
Per *Pleiades*, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 24th December.

For KOBE.—
Per *Highlander*, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 24th December.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.—
Per *M. Struve*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 24th December.

For CHINGANTAO & DURBAN.—
Per *Sealda*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 24th November.

For NAGASAKI.—
Per *Chihli*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 24th December.

For KONGMOON & KUMOHUK.—
Per *Tak Hing*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 24th December.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Lyeemoon*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 26th December.

For MACAO, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per *Manchuria*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 26th December.

For BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOURABAYA & MACASSAR.—
Per *Tjimahi*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 26th December.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, HOBART, LAUNCESTON, NEW ZEALAND, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE & PERTH.—
Per *Chingtu*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 26th December.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 26.
Amoy, Straits, R'goon	P. Jamcota (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 27, Daylight.
Am'dam, U'don, A'erp	Moyune (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 3.
Am'dam, U'don, A'erp	Hyson (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 17.
Am'dam, U'don, A'erp	P'lain (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 21.
Durban Chin-wan-tao	Sealda (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	December 24.
Genoa, Mars., L'pool	Hector (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 20.
Java Ports	Tjimahi (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	Dec. 26, at Noon.
Japan via Shanghai	Tjilatjap (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	2nd half of Jan.
Java Ports	Tjipanas (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	2nd half of Jan.
London & Antwerp	Benlomond (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	January 10.
London, &c.	Bengal (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 31, at Noon.
Marseilles via Saigon	Tonkin (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 27, at 1 p.m.
Manila	Rubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 24, Daylight.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Jan. 7, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Yuensang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Dec. 28.
Manila	Tean (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	About Dec. 28.
Nagasaki	Chihli (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 26.
New York v. Suez Canal	Shimosa (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	December 30.
New York v. Suez Canal	[illegible] (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	About Jan. 25.
New York v. Suez Canal	Indra (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	About Feb. 5.
New York v. Suez Canal	Satsuma (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	January 20.
New York v. Suez Canal	Claverdale (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	January 30.
New York	Seneca (s)	Standard Oil Co.	January 31.
Shanghai	Taiwan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 15.
Shanghai	Woosung (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 26.
Shanghai	Coromandel (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 31.
S'hai and Portland, Or.	Nicomedia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	Jan. 31, Daylight.
S'hai and Portland, Or.	Numantia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	Jan. 25, Daylight.
S'hai and Portland, Or.	Arabia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	Feb. 20, Daylight.
S'hai, Y'ham & Kobe	China (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	December 24, 2 p.m.
S'pore, Pang, C'lbo &c.	Sisela (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	About Dec. 26.
S'pore, Pang, Calcutta	Gregory Apcar (s)	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Dec. 28 at 3 p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	M. Struve (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 25, Daylight.
S'tow, Amoy & Anping	Decima (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 28, Daylight.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	Frithjof (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 1, Daylight.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Triumph (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 4, Daylight.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Pleiades (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Dec. 24.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Tremont (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Jan. 10.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Lyra (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ld.	About Feb. 9.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Athenian (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co	December 28.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co	January 11.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Tartar (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co	January 25.
Y'ma, S'hai, Moji, Kobe	Java (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 26.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

December 23, 1904.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotation Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	£715, sales London, £70.10
National Bank of China, Limited	19,979	£ 10	£ 8	$39
	29,955	£ 10	£ 8	$39
Do. Founders' shares	750	£ 1	£ 1	$10
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$250, buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	$58½, sellers
North China Insurance Co., Ld.	10,000	£ 15	£ 5	Tls. 96, sales & sellers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 100	$690, sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$150
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	20	$90, buyers & sales
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	50	$335, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ld.	50,000	$ 50	all	$216, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$45, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	$ 6¼	$ 6¼	$27, sellers
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co. Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 155
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 50	$ 50	$23, sales
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$ 50	all	$33½, buyers
HK., C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$ 15	$ 15	$28½, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$127, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000	$ 10	$ 10	$40, sellers
	10,000	$ 10	$ 5	$29, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd.	2,000,000	£ 1	£ 1	25/- sellers
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.	8,800	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 30, sellers
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 53, sales
do. Preference.	100,000			Tls. 49, sellers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$225, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 100	all	$15, buyers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ld.	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 60
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	$ 50	all	$112, sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.	20,100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 135, sales
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	100	$147, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld.	52,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 117
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	30	$38½, buyers
Wei-hai-wei Land & Building Co., Ld.	3,764	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 12, buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	$ 10	all	$12½, sellers
	50,000	$ 10	$ 2½	$5, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 50	$ 50	$59, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$265, ex div.
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	18,000	Fcs. 250	all	$490
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	300,000	£ 1	18/10	$4, sellers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	$ 50	all	$144½, sellers
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin)	2,000	T. Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150, sellers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	30,000	$ 25	$ 25	$28, sales
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	$ 10	$ 10	$13, sellers
do.	30,000			$12½, sales & sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9½, sellers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$160, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 105, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 10	$15, buyers
New Electrics (new issue)	30,000	$ 10	$ 5	$9, buyers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 10	$ 10	$30, sales
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	8,604	£ 12/6	£ 12/6	$5½
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	[illegible] Ordinary	$ 10	$ 4	$9½
	100 Fdrs.	$ 10	10	$180
Hk. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	7,500	$ 10	$ 10	$20, sellers
	7,500			
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7½	all	$30, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$255, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	7,200	£ 20	£ 20	Tls. 400, buyers
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 50	all	$155, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	120,000	10	$ 10	$13½, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 25, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 20
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 20
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 160, sellers
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co. Ld.	50,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9½, sellers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	$ 12	$ 12	$13½, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 10	all	$40, buyers
Wm. Powell, Ld.	12,000	$ 10	$ 10	$12½, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co. Ld.	1,200	$ 50	$ 50	$50
South China Morning Post	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$21½, buyers
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Ld.	67,500	$ 10	$ 10	$9½, sellers
Alhambra Limited	300	$ 500	$ 500	$100, buyers

Loan.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886 E	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 % p. annum	Par.

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